

4262 JOHN

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PURPOSE: To inspire faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

TO WHOM WRITTEN: Seekers, who want to examine the life of Jesus Christ; and believers who want to be strengthened in their faith.

MAIN THEME: An encounter with Jesus Christ demands a response. Those who believe have eternal life, but those who reject Him are under the condemnation of God (John 3:36; 5:24–29; 10:27–29).

KEY WORD: Believe.

KEY VERSE: 20:31.

SYNOPSIS:

- I. Analysis. The book may be divided into five parts.
 - A. The prologue. The eternal Word incarnate, 1:1–18.
 - B. The manifestation of Christ's divinity to the world accompanied by a six-fold testimony: that of John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit, the disciples, Christ's mighty works, the Father, and the Scriptures, 1:19–12:50.
 - C. The private revelation and instruction to the disciples, 13–17.
 - D. His humiliation and triumph over death, 18–20.
 - E. The epilogue, 21:1–23. See The Overview of Christ's Life, 4303b.
- II. Distinctive Features.
 - A. It is considered by many to be the deepest and most spiritual book in the Bible.
 - B. In it, Christ gives a more complete revelation of Himself and of God than in the Synoptic Gospels.
 - 1. Of His person and attributes. See the I Am's of Christ, 4166.

- 2. Of His divinity, 1:1; 10:30–38; 12:45; 14:7–9; 16:15.
- 3. Of the work of the Holy Spirit. See the 6's, 7's, 8's of the Holy Spirit, 4165.
- 4. Of His own divine commission. For example, in the fifth chapter He declares Himself to be sent from God six times, 5:23, 24, 30, 36, 37, 38.
- 5. Of the Fatherhood of God. Christ speaks of God as "the Father" over one hundred times: God is the spiritual Father, 4:23; He is the life-giving Father, 5:21; the message is the Father's, 7:16; the Father is greater than all, 10:29; the works are the Father's, 14:10; God is the indwelling Father, 14:23; the Eternal Father, 17:5; the Holy Father, 17:11; the Righteous Father, 17:25.
- C. Perhaps the most notable of all the peculiarities of this Gospel is the fact that over one half of the space in the book is given to the events of Christ's life and His sayings during His last days.
- D. Discourses and conversations found only in John: the talk with Nicodemus, 3:1–21; with the woman of Samaria, 4:1–26; the discourse to the Jews at the Feast of Booths, 7:14–39; 8:3–58; the parable of the Good Shepherd, 10; the series of private instructions to the disciples; His comforting words and intercessory prayer, 14–17; His meeting with the disciples at the Sea of Galilee, 21.
- E. John records eight miracles of Christ (beside Christ's resurrection) to prove His divinity. Six of these are found only in this Gospel: the water made wine, 2:1–11; healing the nobleman's son, 4:46–54; healing the man at the pool,

5:1–9; healing the man born blind, 9:1–7; the raising of Lazarus, 11; the second great quantity of fish, 21:1–6.

- F. There are two great currents of thought flowing through the book which are profitable to follow:
 - 1. Faith, John 3:16–18; 5:24; 6:29, 40; 7:38; 8:24; 10:37–38; 11:25–27; 12:46; 14:12.
 - 2. Eternal life, 3:15–16, 36; 4:14; 5:24; 6:27, 51; 11:26; 12:50; 17:3; 20:31.

PROMINENT PEOPLE: Jesus, John the Baptist, the disciples, Mary—mother of Jesus, Mary, Martha, Lazarus, Pilate.

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THE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was in the beginning with God.

³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

⁵ The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not ^Acomprehend it.

THE WITNESS JOHN

⁶ There ^Bcame a man sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷ He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him.

⁸ He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.

⁹ There was the true Light ^Cwhich, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

¹¹ He came to His ^Down, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ John ^{*}testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'"

¹⁶ For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

¹⁷ For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

THE TESTIMONY OF JOHN

¹⁹ This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

²⁰ And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

²¹ They asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" And he ^{*}said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No."

²² Then they said to him, "Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

²³ He said, "I am A VOICE OF

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ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS,
 'MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE
 LORD,' as Isaiah the prophet said."

²⁴ Now they had been sent
 from the Pharisees.

²⁵ They asked him, and said to
 him, "Why then are you baptiz-
 ing, if you are not the Christ, nor
 Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

²⁶ John answered them saying,
 "I baptize ^Ain water, *but* among
 you stands One whom you do
 not know.

²⁷ "It is He who comes after me,
 the thong of whose sandal I am
 not worthy to untie."

²⁸ These things took place
 in Bethany beyond the Jordan,
 where John was baptizing.

²⁹ The next day he ^{*}saw Jesus
 coming to him and ^{*}said, "Be-
 hold, the Lamb of God who takes
 away the sin of the world!

³⁰ "This is He on behalf of
 whom I said, 'After me comes a
 Man who has a higher rank than
 I, for He existed before me.'

³¹ "I did not recognize Him, but
 so that He might be manifested
 to Israel, I came baptizing ^Ain
 water."

³² John testified saying, "I have
 seen the Spirit descending as a
 dove out of heaven, and He re-
 mained upon Him.

³³ "I did not recognize Him,
 but He who sent me to baptize
^Ain water said to me, 'He upon
 whom you see the Spirit de-
 scending and remaining upon
 Him, this is the One who baptizes
 in the Holy Spirit.'

³⁴ "I myself have seen, and
 have testified that this is the
 Son of God."

JESUS' PUBLIC MINISTRY, FIRST CONVERTS

³⁵ Again the next day John
 was standing with two of his
 disciples,

³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as He
 walked, and ^{*}said, "Behold, the
 Lamb of God!"

³⁷ The two disciples heard him
 speak, and they followed Jesus.

³⁸ And Jesus turned and saw
 them following, and ^{*}said to

them, "What do you seek?" They
 said to Him, "Rabbi (which trans-
 lated means Teacher), where are
 You staying?"

³⁹ He ^{*}said to them, "Come,
 and you will see." So they came
 and saw where He was staying;
 and they stayed with Him that
 day, for it was about the ^Btenth
 hour.

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard
 John speak and followed Him,
 was Andrew, Simon Peter's
 brother.

⁴¹ He ^{*}found first his own
 brother Simon and ^{*}said to him,
 "We have found the Messiah"
 (which translated means Christ).

⁴² He brought him to Jesus.
 Jesus looked at him and said,
 "You are Simon the son of John;
 you shall be called Cephas"
 (which is translated Peter).

⁴³ The next day He purposed
 to go into Galilee, and He ^{*}found
 Philip. And Jesus ^{*}said to him,
 "Follow Me."

⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Beth-
 saida, of the city of Andrew and
 Peter.

⁴⁵ Philip ^{*}found Nathanael and
^{*}said to him, "We have found
 Him of whom Moses in the Law
 and also the Prophets wrote—
 Jesus of Nazareth, the son of
 Joseph."

⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can
 any good thing come out of
 Nazareth?" Philip ^{*}said to him,
 "Come and see."

⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael com-
 ing to Him, and ^{*}said of him,
 "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in
 whom there is no deceit!"

⁴⁸ Nathanael ^{*}said to Him,
 "How do You know me?" Jesus
 answered and said to him, "Be-
 fore Philip called you, when you
 were under the fig tree, I saw
 you."

⁴⁹ Nathanael answered Him,
 "Rabbi, You are the Son of God;
 You are the King of Israel."

⁵⁰ Jesus answered and said to
 him, "Because I said to you that
 I saw you under the fig tree, do
 you believe? You will see greater
 things than these."

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⁵¹And He *said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

MIRACLE AT CANA

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there;

²and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.

³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus *said to Him, "They have no wine."

⁴And Jesus *said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come."

⁵His mother *said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

⁶Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each.

⁷Jesus *said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." So they filled them up to the brim.

⁸And He *said to them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it to him.

⁹When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter *called the bridegroom,

¹⁰and *said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when the people have drunk freely, then he serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now."

¹¹This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

¹²After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples; and they stayed there a few days.

FIRST PASSOVER—CLEANSING THE TEMPLE

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁴And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.

¹⁵And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables;

¹⁶and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away; stop making My Father's house a place of business."

¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME."

¹⁸The Jews then said to Him, "What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?"

¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

²⁰The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

²¹But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

²²So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

²³Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing.

²⁴But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men,

²⁵and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.

THE NEW BIRTH

3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews;

²this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can

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do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

4 Nicodemus *said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?”

5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 “Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

8 “The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

9 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can these things be?”

10 Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things?

11 “Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony.

12 “If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

13 “No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man.

14 “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever ^Abelieves will in Him have eternal life.

16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

17 “For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

18 “He who believes in Him

is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 “This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

20 “For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

21 “But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

JOHN'S LAST TESTIMONY

22 After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He was spending time with them and baptizing.

23 John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there; and people were coming and were being baptized—

24 for John had not yet been thrown into prison.

25 Therefore there arose a discussion on the part of John's disciples with a Jew about purification.

26 And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified, behold, He is baptizing and all are coming to Him.”

27 John answered and said, “A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven.

28 “You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent ahead of Him.’

29 “He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full.

30 “He must increase, but I must decrease.

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31 "He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

32 "What He has seen and heard, of that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony.

33 "He who has received His testimony has set his seal to *this*, that God is true.

34 "For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure.

35 "The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.

36 "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

JESUS GOES TO GALILEE

4 Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John

2 (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were),

3 He left Judea and went away again into Galilee.

4 And He had to pass through Samaria.

5 So He *came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph;

6 and Jacob's well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about ^Athe sixth hour.

THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA

7 There *came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus *said to her, "Give Me a drink."

8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

9 Therefore the Samaritan woman *said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

11 She *said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water?"

12 "You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?"

13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again;

14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

15 The woman *said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw."

16 He *said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here."

17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus *said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband';

18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly."

19 The woman *said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

20 "Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you *people* say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."

21 Jesus *said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

22 "You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

23 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

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