

**Introduction to the Gospel of John**  
**Bible Study Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

**Introduction:** Before we return to our study on the eternal security of the believer, I want to introduce the gospel of John since it is the recommended book for this month.

There are 21 chapters in the Gospel of John. Throughout the gospel, John the writer, refers to himself as the disciple whom Jesus loved (John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2, 20, 24; 21:7, 20).

“Prologue” means “an introduction or preference, introductory chapter introduction, act, event.” The prologue to the gospel of John is John 1:1-18.

Gospel according to John is believed by many to be the best book in the Bible for a new believer in Christ. I believe that the most well-known verse in the Bible is John 3:16.

**I. John Gives His Purpose for Writing the Gospel of John in John 20:30-31. John Gives His Purpose for Writing 1 John in 1 John 5:13.**

A. As you read through the Gospel of John, circled the word “believe.”

B. John also wrote 1, 2, 3 John and Revelation.

**II. There Are Four Gospels Accepted by Protestants:**

A. The first three Gospels are call “synoptic” because of their similarities: The writers wrote from the same point of view.

B. The synoptic Gospels are:

1. The Gospel of Matthew – written to a Jewish audience... “That it might be fulfilled...”

2. The Gospel of Mark – written to Gentiles, especially Romans... “Immediately or straightway.”

3. The Gospel of Luke – Theophilus and to Gentiles...

4. The Gospel John – written to both believers and nonbelievers.

a. The Gospel according to John differs from the synoptic Gospels in that there are no parables...

b. John begins his gospel with the divinity of Jesus Christ (John 1:1-3, 14).

c. John describes both the divinity and the humanity of Jesus Christ – look for these descriptions as you read through the Gospel of John.

d. Look for the passages where Jesus claim to be God.

C. All other Gospels are called “Apocrypha.”

1. The Gospel of Peter; The Gospel of Thomas, etc.

2. There are other apocryphal books in the Catholic Bible.

D. Some of the things to look for as you read the gospel of John:

1. The I Am statements:

a. I Am the Bread of Life (John 6:35).

b. I Am the Light of the World (John 8:12).

- c. I Am the Door (John 10:7, 9).
- d. I Am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11, 14).
- e. I Am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25).
- f. I Am the Way the Truth and the Life (John 14:6).
- g. I Am the Vine (John 15:1, 5).

- 2. The references to the humanity and divinity of Jesus Christ.
- 3. The claims of Jesus to be God.
- 4. The seven signs before the resurrection of Jesus and one sign after the resurrection of Jesus.
  - a. Seven before the resurrection:
    - 1) The turning of water into wine (John 2:1-11).
    - 2) The healing of the nobleman's son (John 4:46-54).
    - 3) The healing of the paralytic (John 5:1-18).
    - 4) The feeding of the multitude (John 6:6-13).
    - 5) The walking on the water (John 6:16-21).
    - 6) The given of sight to the man born blind (John 9:1-7).
    - 7) The raising of Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-45).
  - b. The sign after the resurrection – the catching of fish (John 21:6-11)
- 5. The different ways in which the word “world” (Kosmos) is used throughout the gospel of John.
- 6. The different titles for Jesus in the Gospel of John:
  - a. The Lamb of God (John 1:29),
  - b. The Son of God (John 1:49),
  - c. The King of Israel (John 1:49),
  - d. The Savior of the World (John 4:42).
- 7. Extra
- E. As you read through the Gospel according to John, Mark verses that you would like to commit to memory.
- F. Many of the chapters in the gospel John Jesus deals with individuals and groups...
- G. Extra

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