

The Gospel of John

(Notes by Dr. Bob Brado)

- Author:** John the Apostle — John 13:23; 20:2; 21:20-24. He also wrote 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, and Revelation. John was one of the inner three apostles — Matthew 17:1; Mark 5:37; 14:33; Luke 8:51. His father's name was Zebedee and his brother was James — Matthew 4:21. Jesus nicknamed them *The sons of thunder* — Mark 3:17. John was a fisherman (Mark 1:19, 20) who may have had an aggressive approach (Mark 9:38; Luke 9:54).
- Date:** Around 90 AD
- Theme:** The theme is the deity of Jesus Christ, that He is the Son of God. He has the power to change lives to those who believe and receive Him. The purpose of the book is summed up in John 1:11, 12; 20:31. The key verse in John is 1:12. The theme is seen in this verse:
- I. "His own received him not."
 - II. "But as many as received him."
 - III. "To them gave he power to become."
- John's Gospel is complete to the other three Gospel's presentation of Christ. Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us **what** Jesus is, John answers **who** He is. The other three contain a presentation, human aspects, outward display, public discourses, Galilean ministry and facts. John's Gospel contains an interpretation, divine aspects, inward display, private discourses, Judean ministry, and doctrine.
- John casts light on the other three Gospels by recording what is omitted in them. He also observes dates and places which help us put events in perspective. The Gospel sheds light on the Judean ministry, Galilean ministry, and climax at Jerusalem.
- The Gospel of John is the only non-synoptic gospel. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all view the life of Christ in a similar way. Matthew — King (Jews), Mark — Servant (Romans), Luke — Son of man (Greeks), John — Son of God (world). See the four faces of Revelation 4:7.
- The key chapter of John is 3 with the most famous verse 16. The key words are life, believe, light, darkness, truth, witness, world, glory, receive, father, come, eternal, and everlasting.
- The book tells us more of what Jesus said rather than what He did. There are no parables, but rather allegories: vine, shepherd, bread, etc.
- John explains more the meaning of events. For example, while the feeding of the 5,000 is mentioned in all four gospels, John's will further explain it in chapter 6.

The great seven “I Am” statements are found in John:

1. “I am the bread of life” (6:35, 41, 48, 51).
2. “I am the light of the world” (8:12).
3. “I am the door of the sheep” (10:7, 9).
4. “I am the good shepherd” (10:11, 14).
5. “I am the resurrection and the life” (11:25).
6. “I am the way, the truth, and the life” (14:6).
7. “I am the true vine” (15:1, 15).

Compare also Exodus 3:14 with John 4:26; 8:28, 58; 13:19; 18:5-8.

There are 8 miracles in John that reveal to us several truths about salvation.

1. Water to wine (2:1-11) — Salvation by His word.
2. Healing of nobleman’s son (4:46-54) — Salvation by faith.
3. Healing of Paralytic (5:1-9) — Salvation by grace.
4. Feeding of 5,000 (6:1-14) — Salvation brings bread, sustenance.
5. Walking on the sea (6:15-21) — Salvation brings peace.
6. Healing of blind man (9:1-7) — Salvation brings light.
7. Raising of Lazarus (11:28-45) — Salvation brings life.
8. Draught of fishes (21:1-11) — Salvation brings abundance.

Jesus used these miracles for discussions with Nicodemus (3), about the father (5), bread of life (6), good shepherd casts no one out (10).

	<i>Ministries of Christ</i>	Branch <i>Pro. 11:28</i>	<i>Ezek. 1:10</i>	<i>Ezek. 10:14</i>	<i>Rev. 4:7</i>	Tabernacle
Matthew	<u>Son of David</u> Messiah King <i>Genealogy goes back to Abraham. The promised Seed and the Kingdom comes through Abraham.</i>	<u>King</u> <i>Jer. 23:5-6</i> <i>Jer. 33:15-16</i>	Lion	Lion	Lion	The Whole Camp <i>Theocracy of God - Kingdom.</i> <i>The Camp of Isreal</i>
			King of the Beasts			
Mark	<u>Servant of Jehovah</u> Prophet of Jehovah <i>The perfect workman of God. No genealogies because they were never kept on servants.</i>	<u>Servant</u> <i>Zech. 3:8</i>	Ox <i>Burden bearer</i>	Cherub	Calf	The Outer Court <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Service — Altar — Sacrifice
Luke	<u>Son of Man</u> Humanity of Christ “Behold the Man” <i>The Great Physician. Genealogy goes back to Adam - the first man.</i>	<u>Man</u> <i>Zech. 6:12</i>	Man	Man	Man	High Priest Duties The Holy Place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Candlestick-light of the world — Shewbread- communion
John	<u>Son of God</u> Word of God <i>God manifest in the flesh. No genealogy from man as He is shown as God. The only genealogy is in 1:1 & 1:14 where the Word was God and was made flesh.</i>	<u>of the Lord</u> The Lord’s Branch <i>Isa. 4:2</i>	Eagle	Eagle	Flying Eagle	The Holy of Holies The Ark of the Covenant Dwelling Place of God
			The Word of God			
			<i>Deuteronomy 32:10-12</i>			