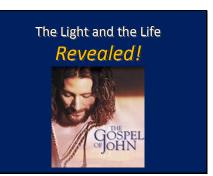


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Answering Ten Questions

- Who wrote it?
- What do we know about the author?
- When was it written?
- Where was it written from?
- Who was it written to?

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	accomplish his goal? ■ What is inside (outline)?	
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	Johannine Authorship External evidence: Irenaeus (Irenaeus)	
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	Johannine Authorship ■ Internal evidence: ◆ Jewish	
	Resident of Israel Eyewitness One of the 12	
	♦ Inner 3	

Biography

- John = "Yahweh has been gracious"
- Older brother = James
- Father = Zebedee
- Mother = Salome
- Well off
- First a disciple of John the Baptist and then a believer in Jesus (Jn 1:35-40)
- Follower of Christ (Jn 1:43)



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Biography



- Disciple of Christ (Matt 4:21-22)
- One of the 12 (Matt 10:1-4)
- 1st group of disciples
- Inner circle (Mark 5:37; 9:2; 14:33)
- Present at the cross and received custody of Mary (John 19:27)
- Present at the empty tomb (John 20:1-10)

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Biography



- Saw the resurrected Christ (20:19-23)
- Beneficiary of Christ's post-resurrection ministry (Acts 1:13)
- Dominant force in the early church (Acts 3:1; 4:13, 19; 8:14)
- Pillar of the early church (Gal 2:9)
- Product of Christ's transforming grace (Mark 3:17; Luke 9:51-56)

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Tertullian, Prescription Against Heretics, 36

"...where the Apostle John was first plunged, unhurt, into boiling oil, and thence remitted to his island-exile!"



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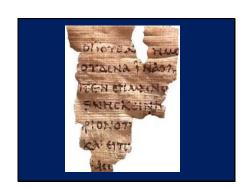
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Caesar	100-44 sc	AD 900	1,000 yrs	10
Plato	427-347 sc	900 AD	1,200 yrs	7
Thucydides	460-400 sc	AD 900	1,300 yrs	8
Tacitus	AD 100	AD 1100	1,000 yrs	20
Suetonius	AD 75-160	AD 950	800 yrs	8
Homer (Iliad)	900 ac	400 nc	S00 yrs	643
New Testament	AD 40-100	AD 125	25-50 yrs	>24,000

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Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History, 3.24.7

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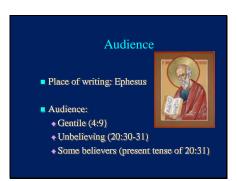
Irenaeus, Against Heresies,



"Afterwards, John, the <u>disciple</u> of the Lord, who also had leaned upon His breast, did himself publish a <u>Gospel</u> during his residence at <u>Ephesus</u> in Asia."

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Eusebius Quoting Origen

Among the four Gospels, which are the only indisputable ones in the Church of God under heaven, I have learned by tradition that the first was written by Matthew, who was once a publican, but afterwards an apostle of Jesus Christ, and it was prepared for the converts from Judaism, and published in the Hebrew language.



Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History, 6.25.4

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Luke 1:1-4

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write *it* out for you in consecutive order, most excellent

Theophilus; so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.

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Romans 1:8

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because <u>your faith is</u> being proclaimed throughout the whole world.

John 20:30-31



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Message



■ Jesus Christ is the Son of God, as evidenced by His signs (20:31), who gives eternal life to all men who believe on Him (1–12; 18–21) and who teaches men to live out this gift of eternal life as they continue to believe on Him (13–17)

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Sources and Method

- Sources
 - ◆ Synoptics?
 - ♦ Eyewitness (John 1:14)
 - ♦ Holy Spirit (John 14:26)
- Method
 - ♦ John 20:30-31; 21:25
 - ◆ Selection of certain events in Christ's life consistent with John's literary purpose

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John 21:25



• "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written."

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Synoptic Organization

- Christ's birth
- John the Baptist's ministry
- Christ's Galilean ministry
- Christ's journey to Jerusalem
- Christ's Jerusalem ministry
- Passion narratives
- Christ's resurrection



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OUTLINE of JOHN

1:1-18	HEAVENLY GENEALOGY (Explains who Jesus is)
1:19- 11:57	PUBLIC MINISTRY (7 signs & discourses)
12:1-50	TRIUMPHAL ENTRY (public national rejection of Christ-12:37)
13-17	UPPER ROOM DISCOURSE (new dispensation)
18-21	PASSION NARRATIVES (crucifixion to resurrection)



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Seven Discou	rses	
Discourse	Verses	
New birth	3:1-36	
Water of life	4:1-42	
Equality with the Father	5:19-47	
Bread of life	6:22-26	
Life giving Spirit	7:1-52	
Light of the world	8:12-59	
Good shepherd	10:1-42	



Christ's Five Trips to Jerusalem

<u>Feast</u>	<u>Verse</u>
Passover	2:23
Unnamed	5:1
Tabernacles	7:2
Dedication	10:22
Passover -	13:1

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Unique Characteristics

- Unique material
- Christ's deity
- Christ's humanity (4:6-7)
- Unique literary devices
- Distinctions/unity in the Father-Son relationship
- Metaphors for Christ

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Unique Characteristics



- Upper room discourse (13–17)
- 22 editorial comments
- Clearest purpose statement (John 20:30-31)
- Simple style
- Simple Greek
- More topical than chronological (as in the synoptics)

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Unique Characteristics



- Eschatology as it pertains to the gift of eternal life
- Long interviews/conversations
- Light vs. darkness
- More theological than the synoptics Prologue (John 1:1-18)
- Importance of the gift of life for all (John 3:16; 10:16; 12:32)
- Many references to believe

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Conclusion



Cross References

John 12:15-"FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY'S COLT."

John 13:18-I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'HE WHO EATS MY BREAD HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.'

- John 2:23- Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing.
- John 11:55- Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover to purify themselves.
- John 4:9- 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.)
- John 2:1- On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there
- John 1:14- 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.
- John 19:26- When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"
- John 19:23- There was reclining on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.
- Mark 14:17- When it was evening He came with the twelve.
- Mark 5:37- And He allowed no one to accompany Him, except Peter and James and John the brother of James
- John 1:41- He found first his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means Christ).
- Acts 12:2- And he had James the brother of John put to death with a sword.

Mark 1:19-20- Going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets. Immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went away to follow Him.

John 18:15- Simon Peter was following Jesus, and *so was* another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest,

John 19:27- Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" From that hour the disciple took her into his own *household*.

1 John 4:8- The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Mark 3:17and James, the *son* of Zebedee, and John the brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, "Sons of Thunder");

Luke 9:51-56- When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem; and He sent messengers on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him. But they did not receive Him, because He was traveling toward Jerusalem. When His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what kind of spirit you are of; for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."] And they went on to another village.

Rev 1:11- "Write in a book what you see, and send *it* to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

- John 5:2- Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep *gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes.
- John 19:31- Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath for that Sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away.
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- John 14:26- But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.
- John 2:11- This beginning of *His* signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.
- John 4:54- This is again a second sign that Jesus performed when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.
- Exod 3:14- God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you."