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The Gospel of **John**

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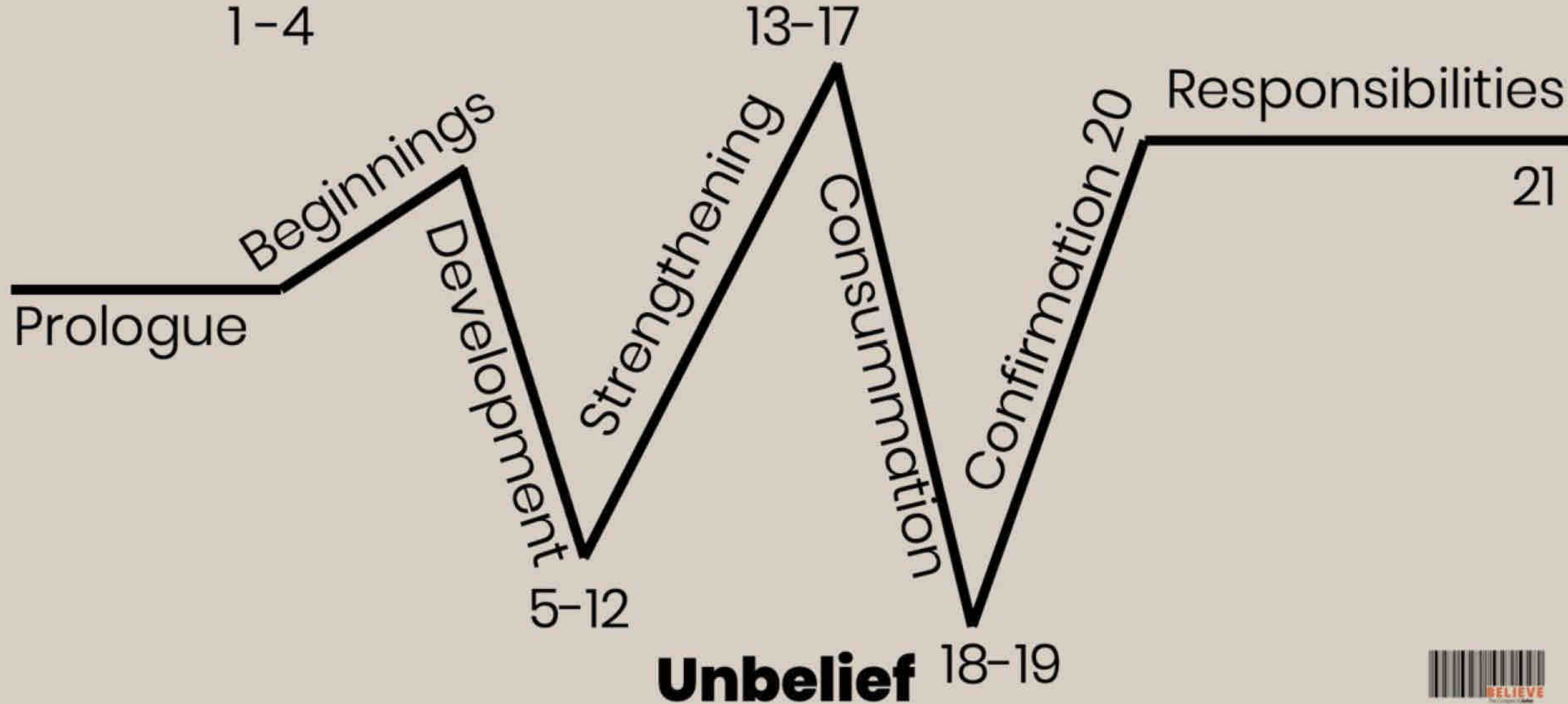
Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written **so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**

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John 20:30–31 ESV



Belief



John 7:25-52

**Will I come to Jesus &
receive Rivers of Living
Water?**



Context for John 7

- Growing conflict with Religious Leaders**
- Feast of Booths / Tabernacle (Numbers 29:12-38)**
- Jesus previously spoke with Nicodemus (John 3)**
- Woman at the well offered Living Water (John 4)**



Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, “Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from.”

John 7:25-27



So Jesus proclaimed as he taught in the temple, “You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me.”

John 7:28-29



So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him because his hour had not yet come. Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, “When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?”

John 7:30-31



The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. Jesus said, “I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come.”

John 7:32-34



The Jews said to one another, “ Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? What does he mean by saying, ‘You will seek me and you will not find me,’ and, ‘Where I am you cannot come?’

John 7:35-36



On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now he said this about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

John 7:37-39



When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This really is the Prophet.” Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” So there was a division among the people over him, but no one laid hands on him.

John 7:40-44



The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring him?” The officers answered, “No one ever spoke like this man!” The pharisees answered them, “Have you also been deceived? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? But the crowd that does not know the law is accursed.”

John 7:45-49



Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, “Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?” They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee.”

John 7:50-52



Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith.
Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about
yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?

2 Corinthians 13:5



Example in John 7:25-52	Spiritual Condition	Response
Pharisees	Dry / Dead	Refused to consider Jesus authority, identity, claims
Crowds	Stagnant	Confused because Jesus doesn't meet their expectations
Nicodemus	Slow to Believe	Seeds of faith but fearful of Man's disapproval
Disciples	Spirit Filled	God's Spirit fills them with Living Water in love & service.

Bad News:

**The Natural State of every
man is Spiritual Death &
Stagnation!**



for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me, the fountain of living
waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves,
broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Jeremiah 2:13



The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

Ezekiel 37:1-3



And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Ephesians 2:1-3



**And Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild beasts will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise.**

Isaiah 43:19-21



**For I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring,
and my blessing on your
descendants.**

Isaiah 44:3



Impact of Living Water:

John 4 - The Woman at the Well went into her town & testified about Jesus

John 19 - Nicodemus is willing to associate with Jesus in Burial

Acts / NT - Indwelling Holy Spirit - Power, Gifts
Witness = Martyrdom

John 7:25-52

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Response Prayer

Jesus, I want to be saved from myself & set free by the the love of God.

I renounce my broken cisterns, my idols & sins which have left me empty.

Cleans me from the stain of sin. Fill me with your Living Water.

Help me grow in boldness so that your love will flow through me to my family & community.

