

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 were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:1-5 ESV



⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

John 1:6-9 ESV



¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:10-13 ESV



¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.") ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

John 1:14-16 ESV



¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

John 1:17-18 ESV



Overview | Gospel of John

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Uniqueness of John

- Nicodemus Jn. 3
- Samaritan woman Jn. 4
- I AM Statements Jn.6:35-48, 8:12, 10:7,11, 11:25, 14:6, 15:1
- Lazarus Jn. 11
- Upper room discourse Jn. 13-17
- Doubting Thomas Jn. 20: 24-29



Purpose



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John 20:30-31 ESV





Outline of John

- I. Prologue (1:1-18)
- II. Book of Signs (1:19 12:50)
- III. Book of Glory (13:1 20:31)
- IV. Epilogue (21)



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11:1-46	Raising Lazarus	Jesus has power over death

¹³ Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.""

Exodus 3:13–14 esv



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John 1:12 ESV



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³⁶ Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; **whoever does not obey** the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

John 3:36 ESV



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- c. Belief is abiding in Jesus



⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever **abides** in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5 ESV



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Nicodemus (Jn.31-21)

A male, Jewish, pharisee, likely wealthy, well-versed in religious law, nighttime.

Samaritan woman (Jn.4:1-42)

A female, Samaritan, a questionable past, spiritually ignorant, daytime.



¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that **whoever believes** in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 ESV



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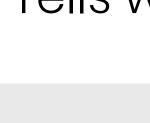
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Worships Jesus (9:38)

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "**You have seen him**, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸ He said, "**Lord, I believe,"** and he worshiped him.

John 9:35-38 ESV



Application:

1. Read: The entire Gospel of John in one sitting.

2. Pray: That God would open your eyes to see Jesus as God.

3. Ask: Do I believe?

