

The Gospel of John

PROLOGUE 1:1-18	Book of Signs 1:19 – 12:50		Book of Glory 13:1 – 20:31	
	7 Great Miracles		Upper Room Discourse 13:1 – 17:26	Passion and Resurrection 18:1 – 20:31
	Public Teaching: 3 Years		Private Teaching: A Few Days	
	“His Great Acts”		“His Personal Instruction”	
	1) Water into Wine (2) 2) Heals a Son (4) 3) Heals a Lame Man (5) 4) Feeds the 5,000 Men (6) 5) Walks on Water (6) 6) Heals a Blind Man (9) 7) Raises Lazarus from the Dead (11)		1) On Servanthood (13) 2) On Salvation (14) 3) On the Spirit (14 – 16) 4) On Abiding in Him (15) 5) On Prayer (17) 6) On the Kingdom (18 – 19) 7) On Faith (20 – 21)	
EPILOGUE 21:1-25				
<p>“And truly Jesus did many other signs . . . which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name” (20:30-31).</p>				

Purpose Statement for the Gospel of John:

The Apostle John selected a number of signs (miracles) and sayings of Jesus to demonstrate to the world that Jesus was the Jewish Messiah, the eternal Son of God, and the Saviour of the world, so that persons would believe in Him and have eternal life.

The Gospels

The four “Gospels” are our main source of knowledge for the life of Christ. But the Gospels are more than just historical documents. The Greek term for gospel is *euangelion*, which means “good news” or “good message.” The Gospels provide us with a message of good news worthy to be proclaimed.

William Barclay offers this definition: “A gospel is not a historical document and nothing else; but a gospel is an attempt to present the portrait and teaching of Jesus in such a way that those who read it will also take Him as Savior, Master, and Lord.”

Four Gospels

Each of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) give us a thematic portrait or picture that focus on the earthly ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Each one has distinctive viewpoint or perspective, and each is authored with a particular audience in view.

Matthew

Audience: Jews

Picture of Christ: King/Messiah

Mark

Audience: Romans

Picture of Christ: The Perfect Servant

Luke

Audience: Greeks

Picture of Christ: Son of Man (Perfect Man)

John

Audience: The World

Picture of Christ: Son of God (Deity)

John and the Synoptic Gospels

Matthew, Mark, and Luke are referred to as the “synoptic” Gospels. The term means to “see together.” It is an appropriate term because these three Gospels have a common viewpoint and similar characteristics. In contrast, John is very different. The chart below highlights some of these differences.

Topics	Synoptics	John
Portrait of Christ	God – Man	God – Man
Perspective	More Historical	More Theological
Unique Material	Matthew – 42%; Mark – 7%; Luke – 59%	92% unique
Geography	Focus on Galilean ministry (North)	Focus on Judean ministry (South)
Teaching Method	Parables	Extended Discourse
Chronology	Mention of one Passover	Mention of three (maybe four) Passovers
Relation to other Gospels	Complementary	Supplementary

THE SEVEN SIGN MIRACLES OF JESUS IN JOHN'S GOSPEL

2:1-11	Jesus turns water into wine
4:46-54	Jesus heals a nobleman's son
5:1-16	Jesus cures a paralytic
6:1-15	Jesus feeds five thousand men
6:16-21	Jesus walks on water
9:1-42	Jesus heals a blind man
11:1-57	Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

THE "I AM" STATEMENTS OF JOHN'S GOSPEL

Twenty-three total times we find our Lord's meaningful "I am" (Gk. *ego eimi*) in this Gospel (4:26; 6:20, 35, 41, 48, 51; 8:12, 18, 24, 28, 58; 10:7, 9, 11, 14; 11:25; 13:19; 14:6; 15:1, 5; 18:5, 6, 8). In seven of these He joins His "I am" with seven tremendous metaphors that are expressive of His deity and saving relationship toward the world.

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, the Life (14:6)
7. "I AM the True Vine" (15:1, 5)

In John 8:58 there is something of a climax as His "I AM" statement echoes Exodus 3:14 and is a clear and overt declaration of His deity.

Why We Need To Come To Jesus And Believe In Him

John 7:53-8:59

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| I. | <u>¹Jesus receives sinners and forgives sin</u> | 7:53-8:11 |
| II. | <u>Jesus is the Light of the world and was sent by the Father</u> | 8:12-30 |
| | <u>Themes</u> | <u>Contrast</u> |
| | Where Jesus comes from | Jesus is from above/they below |
| | Where Jesus us going | Jesus is not of the world/they are |
| | Who the Father is | Jesus goes to the Father/they cannot |
| | Who Jesus is | God is Jesus' Father/Devil is their father |
| III. | <u>Jesus is the truth and He can set us free</u> | 8:31-38 |
| IV. | <u>Jesus is the Son of the Father and unbelieving sinners are sons of the devil</u> | 8:39-47 |
| V. | <u>Jesus is the great I AM who truly knows the Father</u> | 8:48-59 |

¹ As marginal notes in most modern translations indicate, this passage is absent from many important Greek manuscripts. Many of the manuscripts that do include it contain scribal notations indicating doubt about the authenticity of the passage. Many scholars, however, understand the story to be a historical event. (Study note from *The Grace and Truth Study Bible*, p. 1458).

When Darkness Meets The Light Of The World

John 9:1-41

- I. We will see the works of God 9:1-12
 - 1) We must understand what really matters 9:1-4
 - 2) We must understand who really matters 9:5-12

- II. We will see the wickedness of man 9:13-34
 - 1) Some will condemn the Light 9:13-17
 - 2) Some will conceal the Light 9:18-23
 - 3) Some will confess the Light 9:24-34

- III. We will see the wonder of salvation 9:35-41
 - 1) Light received will result in greater sight 9:35-39
 - 2) Light rejected will result in greater blindness 9:39-41

Look and Believe Who Jesus Is

John 10

- I. Jesus is the Door of the Sheep who saves us 10:1-10
 - 1) The sheep follow the true shepherd 10:1-6
 - 2) The shepherd saves His sheep and gives them abundant life 10:7-10

- II. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep 10:11-21
 - 1) Jesus knows his sheep 10:11-15
 - 2) Jesus has many sheep 10:16-18
 - 3) Jesus is heard by his sheep 10:19-21

- III. Jesus is the Christ who gives us eternal life 10:22-30
 - 1) Jesus' works bear witness that He is the Christ 10:22-26
 - 2) His sheep will never ever be lost 10:27-29
 - 3) The Father and Son are one 10:30

- IV. Jesus is the Son of God who does the works of His Father 10:31-39
 - 1) Jesus claimed to be the Son of God 10:31-36
 - 2) Jesus did the works that proved He is the Son of God 10:37-39

- V. Jesus is the only one in whom we must believe 10:40-42
 - 1) John the Baptist testified to Jesus 10:40-41
 - 2) Many believed in Jesus because of John's witness 10:42

Jesus Is The Resurrection And The Life!

(What We Learn From Death)

John 11:1-57

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| I. | <u>There are reasons for death</u> | 11:1-16 |
| | 1) We see God's glory | 11:1-4 |
| | 2) We experience spiritual growth | 11:5-16 |
| II. | <u>There are reactions to death</u> | 11:17-24 |
| | 1) We may question the Lord | 11:17-21 |
| | 2) We can still trust the Lord | 11:22-24 |
| III. | <u>There is revelation in death</u> | 11:25-27 |
| | 1) Jesus is the resurrection and the life | 11:25-26 |
| | 2) Jesus is the Christ the Son of God | 11:27 |
| IV. | <u>There will be resurrection from death</u> | 11:28-44 |
| | 1) We worship a Lord who shows great pity | 11:28-37 |
| | 2) We worship a Lord who has great power | 11:38-44 |
| V. | <u>There will be a response to death</u> | 11:45-57 |
| | 1) Some will receive the Lord | 11:45-46, 48 |
| | 2) Some will reject the Lord | 11:47-57 |

The Promise of Heaven

Where do our loved ones go,
after life's last "good-bye?"

Is there a home beyond,
where they shall never die?

Questions like these arise,
challenging thoughtful men.

It is my firm belief,

I shall see them again.

To that fair land called heaven,

far from this earthly shore,

God calls His beloved children home,

to live forevermore.

They shall be happy there,

dwelling forever with Him,

And when He calls me, I believe

I shall see them again!

- Author Unknown

Seven Lessons Learned From The March To The Cross

John 12

- I. It is always right to worship Jesus with extravagant displays of love
12:1-11

- II. Acknowledge Jesus is the King who comes in the name of the Lord
12:12-19

- III. Seek Jesus and die to yourself that you might receive the gift of eternal
life
12:20-26

- IV. The Father is glorified in the death of His Son which defeats Satan
12:27-33

- V. Jesus is the Son of Man who can make us sons of light 12:34-36

- VI. Some will not believe in Jesus no matter how much of His glory they see
12:37-43

- VII. The Father sent Jesus not to condemn the world but to save the world
12:44-50

The King Who Washes Feet!

John 13:1-30

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| I. | <u>See the love of Jesus</u> | 13:1 |
| | 1) It is particular | |
| | 2) It is perfect | |
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| II. | <u>See the example of Jesus</u> | 13:2-11 |
| | 1) He serves us | 13:2-9 |
| | 2) He sanctifies us | 13:10-11 |
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| III. | <u>See the wisdom of Jesus</u> | 13:12-20 |
| | 1) Servants are not greater than their Master | 13:12-16 |
| | 2) Messengers are not greater than the One who sends them | 13:16-20 |
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| IV. | <u>See the betrayal of Jesus</u> | 13:21-30 |
| | 1) Jesus knew His betrayer | 13:21-26 |
| | 2) Satan entered His betrayer | 13:27-30 |

Glory, Love and Betrayal

John 13:31-38

- I. God will glorify His Son 13:31-33
 - 1) The Father is glorified in His Son's death 13:31
 - 2) The Father will glorify His Son in exaltation 13:32-33

- II. The Son teaches us about love 13:34-35
 - 1) The commandment is new 13:34
 - 2) The commandment is a witness to the nations 13:35

- III. Peter will deny His Lord 13:36-38
 - 1) One day Jesus' disciples will follow Him to heaven 13:36
 - 2) Today Jesus' disciples must realize actions speak louder than words
13:37-38

I'm bound for that beautiful city
My Lord has prepared for His own;
Where all the redeemed of the ages
Sing "Glory" around the throne!
Sometimes I grow homesick for heaven,
And the glories I there shall behold.
What a joy that will be,
When my Savior I see,
In that beautiful city of Gold.

- F.M. Leham

Blessings From Believing And Loving Jesus

John 14:15-31

- I. We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit 14:15-17
- II. We enjoy the hope of the resurrection 14:18-19
- III. We are loved by the Father and the Son whom we love 14:20-24
- IV. We experience peace that calms our troubled hearts 14:25-27
- V. We rejoice in the ascension and exaltation of our Savior 14:28
- VI. We understand that Satan has no claim on our Lord 14:29-30
- VII. We see how much God the Son loves God the Father 14:31

The Holy Spirit of God

John 14-16

- I. **The Holy Spirit is a Person** (14:16-18, 26; 15:26; 16:7-8, 13-14)
 - 1) This is affirmed by the masculine pronoun (14:26; 15:26; 16:7-8, 13-14)
 - 2) This is affirmed by a parallel ministry (14:16-18)

- II. **The Holy Spirit comes by Procession** (14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7)
 - 1) He is a gift from the Father (14:16, 26; 15:26)
 - 2) He is a gift from the Son (14:16; 15:26; 16:7)

- III. **The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete** (14:16, 26-27; 15:26-27; 16:7)
 - 1) He is an answer to prayer (14:16)
 - 2) He is a blessing of peace (14:26-27)
 - 3) He has a ministry of proclamation (15:26-27)
 - 4) He is a fulfillment of promise (16:7)

- IV. **The Holy Spirit is a Pedagogue** (14:26; 16:12-15)
 - 1) He guides the saints in truth (14:26; 16:12-15)
 - 2) He glorifies the Son in truth (16:14-15)

- V. **The Holy Spirit is Powerful** (16:7-11)
 - 1) He convicts of sin (16:8-9)
 - 2) He commends the Son (16:8, 10)
 - 3) He condemns Satan (16:8, 11)

- VI. **The Holy Spirit is a Presence** (14:15-18)
 - 1) He is God with us forever (14:15-16)
 - 2) He is God for us forever (14:17)
 - 3) He is God in us forever (14:17)
 - 4) He is God to us forever (14:18)

The Coming Of THE HOLY SPIRIT: A Summation
John 14-16

The purposes of Jesus' leaving and the Holy Spirit's Coming

- A. The Holy Spirit came to Universalize the local ministry of Christ. The Spirit is at all places at all times.

- B. Jesus was sent by the Father (John 3:16) – The Spirit was sent by the Father and Jesus (John 14:16, 26).

- C. As Jesus is the Truth – (John 14:6) so the Spirit of the Truth (John 15:26) will guide us into all truth (John 16:13).

- D. Jesus glorified the Father not Himself (John 17:4), so the Spirit glorifies Jesus and not Himself (John 16:14).

- E. Jesus still had much to teach the Disciples; the Spirit continues this teaching ministry (John 16:13).

- F. As the world did not accept Jesus (John 1:10, 11) neither will it accept the Spirit (John 16:8).

Summary –Jesus was God's final word to humanity (Hebrews 1:1-2). The Spirit's role is not to give some new revelation of His own, but to bear witness to Jesus and to interpret and bring out all the implication of God's final Word.

The Holy Spirit and the Triune God (A Summary)

Who is the Holy Spirit of God? – He is the Third Person of the Godhead (the Triune God). Each is fully God, equal in essence but distinct in person and functions.

The figure below is commonly used to visualize the truth about the triune Godhead in a concise way. Each Person is seen to be God; each Person is also distinct, but God is nevertheless only one God.

