



John



THEME VERSE: 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 eternal life in His name.
John 20:21

Author

While not specifically named, the most likely author is the apostle John, also known as, “The disciple who Jesus loved.” In John 21:24, the author wrote, “This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that this testimony is true.” He is also believed to be the author of I,II, III John.

Date

John is the final of the four gospels to be written, completed around AD 90-100, having begun as early as AD 70.

Purpose

The Gospel of John presents Jesus Christ as the divine Son of God. Jesus is God incarnate, the Creator and Savior of any who would believe in Him because of His death on the cross as payment for sin and His resurrection in overcoming death. “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

Method

The gospel starts at the very beginning of time presenting Jesus as God and Creator. It then jumps to the ministry of Christ, omitting the details of His conception, birth, boyhood and the parables which are included in the previous gospels. Jesus openly presents Himself as God using several “I AM” statements all of which pertain to life in Him.

Outline

Chapter 1	Jesus is God, the Word became Flesh
Chapters 2-10	Miraculous Signs, Opposition
Chapters 11-12	Raising Lazarus, the Triumphal Entry
Chapters 13-17	Jesus’ Final Words to His Followers
Chapters 18-20	Christ’s Death and Resurrection
Chapter 21	Jesus Appears to Beloved Disciples