

# *The Gospel of John ... the Rest of the Story*

## Notes on John's Gospel

- One of the last four Bible books written.<sup>1</sup>  
Likely recorded between 92 and 96 A.D. after returning from Patmos.
- **John's Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_**...  
John 2:22 → His disciples remembered...  
John 7:39 → They remembered that the Spirit was not yet given...
- **John remembers \_\_\_\_\_** Jesus asked or responded to...  
Who art thou? Where is thy Father?
- **John emphasizes " \_\_\_\_\_ "**, using the word 93 times in the Gospel.  
John 20:31 in the NKJV says, "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." Believe is often cited as the theme of this Gospel.
- **John was fighting gnostic \_\_\_\_\_** that were growing popular in the Greek Christian world in his day, especially the belief that God Himself could not and would not interact directly with fallen, flawed, sinful flesh.

**This Gnostic thinking was a Greek idea that meant either Jesus was not fully God or not fully man. John attacks it directly with the strongest Greek response: Jesus is the Logos, which is God (1:1), and also became flesh (1:14). Jesus is both!**

John plainly affirms that Jesus was an actual man and also divine. He didn't focus on the birth or other documented details in the other Gospels, but instead focuses on the divine and human essence of Jesus Christ. John focuses uniquely on how we see both the Father and the Son in Jesus Christ (see John 8:19, 10:28-33, and especially John 14:6-11).

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<sup>1</sup> Banishment described in Pliny's *Natural History* (4.69-70) and Tacitus *Annals* (4.30). Irenaeus writing in *Against Heresies* in 180 AD (bk 3, ch 3, sct 4) places John in Ephesus at the end of his life.

## The Eight Signs of Jesus' Authority (Starting in Kinzie Book Chapter 3)

- #1 **John 2:1-11** Jesus has authority to \_\_\_\_\_.
- #2 **John 4:43-54** Jesus has authority to \_\_\_\_\_.
- #3 **John 5:1-47** Jesus has authority over \_\_\_\_\_ rest.  
(He didn't just heal, but intentional violated their sabbath rules.)

**This is a critical chapter (John 5), note the things that Jesus claims are now in His domain and under His authority.**

- ✓ 5:21 – The Son can \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ 5:22 – The Son will \_\_\_\_\_ all people.
- ✓ 5:23 – The Son should receive \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ 5:24 – The Son may grant \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ 5:43 – The Son comes \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father.
- #4 **John 6:1-15** Authority over \_\_\_\_\_.
- #5 **John 6:16-21** Authority over \_\_\_\_\_ and nature.
- #6 **John 8:1-11** Jesus has authority over \_\_\_\_\_ of sins.  
(See also Matthew 9:1-9 NKJV and the paralyzed man)
- #7 **John 9:1-41** Jesus has the authority to \_\_\_\_\_.  
He experiences 2 miracles. He \_\_\_\_\_ for the first time  
And he sees the power of \_\_\_\_\_ for the first time.
- #8 **John 11:1-16** Jesus has authority over \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Argument Against Signs<sup>2</sup> in Matthew 12:38-39 (NKJV)

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." <sup>39</sup> But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign..."

But a sign is still promised... What is that sign? The \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>2</sup> See also Matthew 16:1-4, Luke 11:29-30, and John 4:48, Acts 2:22 and 2:43 and others...