

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

Notes on John's Gospel

- One of the last four Bible books written.¹
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).

¹ 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 Signs² in Matthew 12:38-39 (NKJV)

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." ³⁹ 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 _____

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