

# ***Overview of John – It's a matter of Identity***

When we are studying a book of the Bible there are some things that are important for us to understand...

- **Who** wrote the book? \_\_\_\_\_
- How do we know who wrote it? Clues:
  - Transfiguration: \_\_\_\_\_
  - One of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Last Supper he was reclining next to Jesus
  - Only one to mention \_\_\_\_\_
  - Empty Tomb Peter ran to get him (can't be Peter)
  - James martyred very early AD 44 – rules out James
  - Irenaeus 180 AD (disciple of Polycarp) John was the disciple that leaned on His breast
  
- **Who** was his audience?
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Where Greek \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were key
- **When** did he write it? \_\_\_\_\_
- **Where** did the story take place? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
- **What** do we know about who wrote the book?  
Fisherman, Son of Zebedee, Brother of James, Last disciple to die  
Only disciple to die of natural causes, last gospel written

- **Why?** John 20:31

1. "... but these are written so that you may \_\_\_\_\_.  
that Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ God,

And

2. That by \_\_\_\_\_ you may have life

In His \_\_\_\_\_.

**John's goal/purpose** in writing this gospel was for us to  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the true \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

John only lists 7 miracles of Jesus in his gospel, but he doesn't refer to them as miracles, but rather signs.

What is the difference between a miracle and a sign?

- Miracle: a display of \_\_\_\_\_
- Sign: power that points to \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_

The 7 signs in the gospel of John:

1. Water into wine at the wedding of Cana 2:11
2. Healing of royal officials' son 4:46-54
3. Healing of paralyzed man (Bethseda) 5:1-18
4. Feeding of 5000 6:1-14
5. Walks on water 6:15-21
6. Healing of blind man (birth) 9:1-41
7. Raising of Lazarus 11:1-57

The last sign showed His power over death and life, but led to His own death!

Which miracle (sign) is listed in all 4 gospels?

Which miracle is listed in 3 of the 4 gospels?

John includes I AM Statements...Jesus's self-revelation, I AM Connects Him to God

- **I AM** the ***Bread of Life*** 6:35,48,51
- **I AM** the ***Light of the World*** 8:12
- **I AM** the ***Door for the Sheep*** 10:7,9
- **I AM** the **Good Shepherd** 10:11,14
- **I AM** the ***Resurrection and the Life*** 11:25
- **I AM** the ***Way***, and the ***Truth*** and the ***Life*** 14:6
- **I AM** the ***True Vine*** 15:1,5

## **The ONLY gospel to share two key encounters:**

- **Nicodemus – John 3**
  
- **Samaritan Woman at the well – John 4**

## **When do we see “the disciple Jesus loved”**

- 1. At the Last Supper John 13:23**
- 2. At the Cross John 19:26-27**
- 3. At the empty tomb John 20:2-8**
- 4. The Shore of the Galilee John 21:7**
- 5. Closing testimony John 21:20,24**

### **2 Who am I? John the Beloved Disciple – A matter of identity**

- a. Shows John’s\_\_\_\_\_– testimony**
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ for all believers**
- c. John was listening! Jesus’s Words**

- d. What events did he list John as beloved disciple)?
- e. What happens when we identify ourselves as beloved disciples?

- want to spend \_\_\_\_\_ with Him
- We \_\_\_\_\_ Him more
- Listen More intently
- \_\_\_\_\_ – even when it's hard
- \_\_\_\_\_ one another
- Live out our \_\_\_\_\_

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**Do you, like John, believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God? Do you see your personal identity as a beloved daughter, and disciple Jesus loves?**

