

There and Then: Here and Now

Answer the questions below as you reflect on your own life and this part of our study*: *my LOG vs others SPECK*

S — Is there a *sin* for me to avoid or confess?

P — Is there a *promise* from God for me to claim?

E — is there an *example* for me to follow?

C — Is there a *command* for me to obey?

K — How can this passage increase my *knowledge* about God / Jesus Christ / Holy Spirit?

Use this area to write down any thoughts you may have and to develop an action plan for implementing them into your life.

Are there *principles* to guide?
Are there *warnings* to heed?
Are there *attitudes* to adopt?
Are there *actions* to take?

Who Is Jesus? – The Gospel of John

The Four Gospels – snapshots, not complete biographies¹

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Readers	Jewish People	Church in Rome	Gentile Christians	The Whole World
Focus	Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah King	Jesus as the Suffering Servant	Jesus as the sympathetic Son of man	Jesus as the Son of God

John 21:25 NASB And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they *were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself *would not contain the books that *would be written.

Introduction

- I. **Author:** the apostle John (as identified in the title), brother of James, son of Zebedee – John 21:20 & 24 (13:23; 19:26; 20:2)
 - A. The "beloved disciple," was brother to James the Great. The churches of Smyrna, Pergamos, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea, and Thyatira, were founded by him. From Ephesus he was ordered to be sent to Rome, where it is affirmed he was cast into a cauldron of boiling oil. He escaped by miracle, without injury. Domitian afterwards banished him to the Isle of Patmos, where he wrote the Book of Revelation. Nerva, the successor of Domitian, recalled him. He was the only apostle who escaped a violent death.²
- II. **Date and Place of Writing:** Between A.D. 70 – 100 in Ephesus.
- III. **Purpose:**
 - A. **John 20:30-31 NASB** Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.
- IV. **Outline:**
 - A. 1:1-18 – Introduction
 - B. 1:19-12:50 – Jesus, the Son of God, revealed through His Signs, His Teaching, and Witnesses
 - C. 13:1-20:31 – Final Instructions to the Disciples, Arrest & Trial, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Post-Resurrection Appearances

* Navigator Bible Study Handbook (with additions) & Matthew 7:1-5.

¹ (Wiersbe) on John 1; (*Bible Overview*) on the Gospels; (Fee and Stuart)

² (Foxe) on the Apostle John.

Chapter 1

1:1-5 – Eternal Deity of Jesus

- Word – *logos*³
 - Greek translation of the Hebrew phrase “word of the LORD” which refers to the “active and revealing activity of God.” In John, we see Jesus revealing the Father (17:6).
 - John might be alluding to a term from Stoicism referring to an eternal principle that gave order and meaning to life.
 - With God and Is God – Both/And not Either/Or
- Light – the opposite of darkness
 - Light = righteousness or holiness
 - darkness = sin
- Genesis 1:1-3, 26; Psalm 19; Isaiah 55:11; Philippians 2:5-7; Colossians 1:15-17; 1 John 1:1-4; Revelation 19:13

1:6-13 – John the Baptist

- Was sent to testify of the Light
- Preparing the way for the Light
- Isaiah 40:3; Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 1 & 3

1:14-18 – The Word Became Flesh

- Word Becomes Flesh
 - Matthew and Luke write about Jesus' birth (see handout on OT prophecies of the Messiah/Christ fulfilled by Jesus of Nazareth)
- John Testifies of Him
- Matthew 1 & 2; Luke 1 & 2

1:19-34 – John the Baptist's Testimony

- Questioned by Priests and Levites } Prior to
- Questioned by Pharisees } Day One
- Day One – Jesus, the Lamb of God

1:35-51 – Jesus Begins His Ministry

- Day Two – Andrew, John, & Peter
- Day Three – Philip, Nathanael

³ (*Bible Overview*) on the Gospel of John

Disciple	Who first told them about Jesus
Andrew	1:35-40
Another Disciple (John)	1:35-40
Peter	1:40-42
Philip	1:43-44
Nathanael	1:45-51

From the Summarized Bible⁴:

Conclusion: The Son of God became the Son of Man that the sons of men through Him might become the sons of God. The next thing to finding Him as the Lamb of God is to find another and introduce that one to Him.

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⁴ (Brooks) on John 1.