## Overview of the Gospel of John



#### **Author and Date**

From the last portion of chapter 21 (v24), we find the author identifying himself as the "disciple whom Jesus loved." This phrase is used 3 time in the gospel nad is alluded to in .

- John 13:23 NASB There was reclining on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.
- John 20:2 NASB So she \*ran and \*came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and \*said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."
- John 21:7 NASB Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved \*said to Peter, "It is the Lord." So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped *for work*), and threw himself into the sea.
- John 21:20 NASB Peter, turning around, \*saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; the one who also had leaned back on His bosom at the supper and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

The veracity of the author's testimony is announced twice in the gospel.

- John 19:35 NASB And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.
- John 21:24 NASB This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

It is commonly believed that John wrote the gospel sometime before his death in the mid-90s AD. This is supported by fragmentary evidence from the Rylands Papyrus, dated around 125 AD (Bruce). For more detailed analysis of the author and date of the gospel, it is recommended that the reader refer to either a good study bible or commentary. **Key Verse(s)** 

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.

#### Outline:

I. Introduction	1:1-18
II. John the Baptist's Ministry	1:19-39
III. Jesus' Public Ministry	1:40 — 12:50
IV. Jesus' Final Passover and Moments with Disciples	13:1 — 17:26
V. Jesus' Arrest, Trials, Crucifixion, and Burial	18:1 — 19:42
VI. Resurrection and Appearances	20:1-31
VII. Jesus' Final Remarks to Disciples	21:1-25

# **Chapter Summaries**

- 1. Jesus introduced; John the Baptist; Jesus' First Disciples
- 2. Wedding in Cana; First Passover
- 3. Nicodemus; Jesus teaches about John the Baptist
- 4. Samaritan woman at the well; Healing an Official's son
- 5. Healing at Bethesda; Jesus' Authority Questioned
- 6. Feeding 5000; Walking on Water; Jesus promises to provide for all the disciples needs
- 7. Feast of Tabernacles; Teaching in the Temple
- 8. Woman caught in adultery; Jesus reveals His identity

- 9. Man born blind healed; Pharisees investigate healing
- 10. Jesus promises to watch over His disciples; Feast of Dedication
- 11. Death Lazarus and his being raised from the dead; Jewish leaders plot to kill Jesus
- 12. Jesus anointed by Mary; Jesus final public words
- 13. Washing the disciples feet; Prediction of Jesus' betrayal; Prediction of Peter's denial
- 14. Jesus' final words to disciples; teaching on the Holy Spirit
- 15. The Vine and the Branches; Prediction of being hated by the world
- 16. Ministry of the Holy Spirit; Jesus must leave but promises to return
- 17. Jesus prays for the Father to be glorified, for His disciples, and for future believers
- 18. Jesus is betrayed and arrested; Trial before Annas; Peter's denial; Jesus before Pilate
- 19. Pilate tries to release Jesus; Pilate allows crucifixion; Jesus' death and burial
- 20. Jesus' resurrection and appearances: to Mary Magdalene; disciples without Thomas; and disciples with Thomas
- 21. Jesus appears in Galilee; Peter restored; future of Peter and John

### Seven Miracles and Seven "I AM" statements in John

Miracles	
1. Water into wine	2:1-11
2. Healing a royal official's son	4:46-54
3. Paralytic at Bethesda	5:1-15
4. Feeding 5000	6:5-14
5. Walking on Water	6:16-24
6. Healing a Blind Man	9:1-7
7. Raising Lazarus from the dead	11:1-45

"I AM" Statments		
1. Bread of life	6:22-59	
2. Light of the World	8:12-30	
3. Door/Gate of the Sheepfold	10:1-18	
4. Good Shepherd	10:1-18	
5. Resurrection and the Life	11:17-27	
6. The Way, the Truth, and the Life	14:6	
7. True Vine	15:1-6	

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