

Bible Training Institute

To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world

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John

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Introduction

Title—“According to John”—John 21:24

- Unique Features—
 - 92% unique to John
 - No parables
 - Does not parallel other three gospels
 - Most explicit about deity of Christ
 - Most explicit about length of Jesus' ministry
 - Unique historical perspective
 - Author—“the disciple Jesus loved”—John 21:20
 - Date—AD 85-90

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Historical/Theological Themes

- Disciples (major theme in 15 chpts)
- Jesus the Man (4:29; 5:12; 7:46, 51; 8:40; 9:11, 16; 10:33; 11:47, 50; 18:14, 17, 29; 19:5)
- Jesus the Christ (Messiah) (1:17, 20, 25, 41; 3:28; 4:25, 29; 7:25, 27, 31, 41, 42; 9:22; 10:24; 11:27; 12:34; 17:3; 20:31)
- Jesus the Son of God (1:34, 49; 3:16, 17, 18, 35, 36; 5:19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26; 6:40; 8:36; 10:36; 11:4, 27; 14:13; 17:1; 19:7; 20:31)

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Historical/Theological Themes

- Jesus who is God—Samples: John 1:1, 14; 5:21; 6:40; 17:5; 8:24; 16:7
- Believe (98x)
- Life (53x)
- Light/Darkness (23x/9x)
- Truth/True (48x)
- Glory/Glorify (40x)
- World (78x)

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Historical/Theological Themes

- Hour (26x)
- Jew/Jewish (71x)
- Remain/Stay (40x)
- Witness/Bear Witness (47x)
- Signs (17x)

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Historical/Theological Themes

| SIGN | | SPEECH | |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 2:1-11 | Water to Wine | New Birth | 3:1-15 |
| 4:46-54 | Royal Official's Son Healed | Living Water | 4:5-42 |
| 5:1-18 | Invalid Healed | Witnesses to Jesus | 5:19-47 |
| 6:1-21 | 5,000 Fed [Walking on Water] | Bread from Heaven | 6:22-59 |
| 9:1-41 | Blind Man Healed | Light of the World The Good Shepherd | 8:12-59 10:1-21 |
| 11:1-16, 38-44 | Lazarus Raised | The Resurrection & Life | 11:17-29 |
| 2:18-22; 20:1-29 | Jesus Resurrected | Farewell Discourse | 13:31-16:33 |

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Purpose

Signs show that the Christ, the Son of God, is Jesus and belief in Jesus brings life to the believer.

- John 20:30-31
- Written to the Diaspora (dispersed Jews)
- An evangelistic gospel written BY a Jew ABOUT a Jew TO Jews.

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Literary Structure

- Public Ministry of Jesus (1-12)
- Private Ministry of Jesus—Upper Room (13-17)
- Passion/Resurrection of Jesus (18-21)
- Key Passages: John 1:1; 3:16; 10:30; chapters 13-17; 14:6; 14:26; 20:31

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Interpretive Issues

- “Water” of 3:5
 - Seed of a man?
 - Physical birth?
 - Holy Spirit Himself?
 - Word of God?
 - Baptism of John the Baptist?
 - Christian baptism? (baptismal regeneration view)
 - Purification or cleansing? (Ezek 36:24-28; Titus 3:5)

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Interpretive Issues

- “Receive the Holy Spirit” of 20:22
 - Full bestowal of Holy Spirit? (but see John 16:7)
 - Temporary bestowal of Holy Spirit
 - Anticipation of the Future Bestowal of Holy Spirit—John 7:37-39; Acts 2

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