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Study Outline

Background: Historical & Authorship

John was an early disciple of Jesus and widely considered to be one of Jesus' closest friends. He is referred to as the "disciple in whom Jesus loved". He was the only disciple to attend Jesus' crucifixion and was entrusted with the care of Mary the mother of Christ. John was one of the 12 apostles and a pillar of the early church. He later served as the pastor of the church in Ephesus. John was the last of the living apostles and after surviving an execution attempt was exiled to the island of Patmos where he received the "Revelation of Jesus Christ."

Main Point: John is universally considered to be the last of the Gospel authors. Though it's difficult to nail down a precise date for his account, many have speculated John to have written towards the end of the first century. Though there are similarities between John's record and the synoptic gospels, one can't help but notice the differences. John completely excludes the parables and focuses only on the miracles that revealed different aspects of Jesus' deity. He includes more details concerning the last week of Jesus' life focusing great attention on the Passover supper. He also includes more accounts of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances than all the other authors combined. To understand these differences one must understand that John was writing at a different time and with a different intention than Matthew, Mark, and Luke. John's desire in writing is for the growth of the believer. Though stylistically simplistic, his account is more theological than the other accounts. John Gospel challenges the believer to dig deeper in their understanding of and relationship with the person of Jesus.

OUTLINE:

JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF TO:

CH 1:1-2:12	DISCIPLES
CH 2:13-3:36	JEWISH PEOPLE
CH 4	SAMARITANS
CH 5	JEWISH LEADERS
CH 6	MULTITUDES

CONFLICT WITH LEADERS OVER:

CH 7:1-8:11	MOSES
CH 8:12-59	ABRAHAM
CH 9:1-10:42	MESSIAH
CH 11:1-12:50	HIS POWER

UPPER ROOM DISCOURSE:

CH 13	WASHES FEET
CH 14	COMFORTS DISCIPLES
CH 15	VINE & BRANCHES
CH 16	PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
CH 17	THE LORD'S PRAYER

ARREST, TRIAL & EXECUTION: 18-19

RESURRECTION & APPEARANCES: 20-21

GOSPEL OF JOHN

7 "I AM" STATEMENTS:

1. BREAD OF LIFE: JN 6:35-51
2. LIGHT OF THE WORLD: JN 8:12, 9:5
3. THE DOOR: JN 10:7-9
4. GOOD SHEPHERD: JN 10:11-14
5. RESURRECTION & LIFE: JN 11:25
6. THE WAY, TRUTH & LIFE: JN 16:6
7. THE VINE: JN 15:1-5

7 "MIRACULOUS SIGNS":

1. WATER INTO WINE: JN 2:9
2. HEALING NOBLEMAN'S SON: JN 4:46-54
3. HEALING CRIPPLE MAN: JN 5:2-9
4. FEEDING 5000: JN 6:1-14
5. WALKING ON WATER: JN 6:16-21
6. HEALING MAN BORN BLIND: JN 9:1-7
7. RAISING LAZARUS: JN 11:1-44



Day 1: Text Messaging.....

John 1:1-18 // THINKING POINTS: (1). In John's introduction of Jesus, what truths can we glean concerning His nature and purpose? (2). In the grand scheme of things, why is it significant that John refers to Jesus as "the Word?" (3). If the person of Jesus is God's ultimate revelation to humanity, what is God trying to say to you?

Day 2: The Entourage.....

John 1:35-51 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What was the natural reaction (the initial by-product) from the encounter Andrew and Phillip had with Jesus? (2). Since our personal encounter with Jesus should spawn within us a desire to bring other people to Jesus, who have you been reaching out to recently? (3). Nathanael was skeptical of what Phillip was telling him, how was Jesus reaction so encouraging?

Day 3: Getting Fed.....

John 6:1-14 // THINKING POINTS: (1). In what way is it encouraging to see that Jesus was able to accomplish something this incredible using nothing but a few simple elements? (2). What can we learn concerning ministry from the role the disciples played in this miraculous event? (3). How does this miracle demonstrate the deity of Jesus?

Day 4: I am.....

John 8:48-49 // THINKING POINTS: (1). By referring to Himself with the title "I AM" what was Jesus communicating to these religious rulers? (2). What is so significant concerning this phrase "I AM" in conjunction with the person of Jesus? (3). Jesus uses this phrase in connection with other aspects of His person and purpose. What is Jesus to you?

Day 5: Cleaning Feet.....

John 13:1-17 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What message was Jesus trying to communicate to His disciples by washing their feet? (2). What image was Jesus desiring to leave His disciples with by washing their feet? (3). Jesus modeled for us the ultimate servitude. In what way are you humbling yourself to serve those around you?

Day 6: Price Paid.....

John 19:1-37 // THINKING POINT: (1). What was the purpose behind Jesus torture, humiliation, ridicule, and execution? (2). If Jesus' experience intended to satisfy the righteous requirements of sin, what does this tell us concerning the nature of our sin? (3). How does the knowledge that Jesus took your place deepen your love and devotion to Him?

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