

I. The Prologue – Who Jesus Is (John 1:1–18)

John opens his Gospel by revealing the divine nature of Christ.

Four Foundational Truths

1. The Word

- *John 1:1* – “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”
- *John 1:14* – “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...”

Jesus is eternal, divine, and became human so that God could dwell among us.

2. Life, Light, and the Son (vv. 4–9)

- Jesus is the source of life.
- His life is the light that shines in darkness.
- He is the true Light sent into the world.

3. Grace and Truth (vv. 14–16)

- Jesus is full of grace and truth.
- From His fullness, we receive “grace upon grace.”

4. God Revealed Through the Son

- *John 1:18* – “No man hath seen God at any time... the only begotten Son... hath declared Him.”
 - Jesus makes God fully known—He is the visible revelation of the Father.

Supporting Scripture

- *1 John 5:7* – “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”

II. Jesus’ Public Ministry (John 1:19–12:50)

John highlights how Jesus reveals Himself to the world.

Key Moments

- Jesus and Nicodemus – The New Birth
 - “You must be born again” (John 3)
- Jesus and the Samaritan Woman
 - *John 4:1–42* – Living Water offered to all

The Seven Signs (Miracles)

1. Turning water into wine – *John 2:1–11*
2. Healing the nobleman’s son – *John 4:46–54*
3. Healing at Bethesda – *John 5:1–18*

4. Feeding the 5,000 – *John 6:1–14*
5. Walking on water – *John 6:15–21*
6. Healing the blind man – *John 9:1–41*
7. Raising Lazarus – *John 11:1–57*

These signs prove that Jesus is the Son of God.

III. The Witnesses of Christ (John 5)

Jesus identifies those who testify of Him:

1. John the Baptist – *John 5:33–35*
2. His Works – *John 5:36*
3. The Father – *John 5:37–38*
4. The Scriptures – *John 5:39–47*
5. The Healing of the Blind Man – *John 9*

Additional Teachings:

- The Good Shepherd – *John 10*
- The Raising of Lazarus – *John 11* (Last public sign)

IV. Jesus' Private Ministry (John 13–17 – NLT)

These chapters focus on Jesus' intimate teaching with His disciples.

- *John 13:5* – Jesus models humility
- *John 14:6* – Jesus is the Way to the Father
- *John 15:7–9* – Abiding in Christ
- *John 16:7–11* – The work of the Holy Spirit
- *John 16:12–14* – New truth revealed by the Spirit
- *John 17:1–5* – Jesus prays for Himself
- *John 17:6–19* – Jesus prays for His disciples

V. His Suffering and Death (John 18–19)

The Path to the Cross

- *John 18:1–7* – In the garden
- *John 18:12–14, 19–23* – Trial before Annas
- *John 18:28–38* – Trial before Pilate
- *Luke 23:6–12* – Trial before Herod

- *John 18:39–19:36* – Final trial and crucifixion

Six Things to Remember About His Death

1. His identity – *John 19:19*
2. His garments – *John 19:23*
3. His mother – *John 19:25–27*
4. His death – *John 19:28–30* (“It is finished.”)
5. His death verified – *John 19:36*
6. His burial – *John 19:38–42* (Nicodemus – v. 39)

VI. Victory Over Death (John 20–21)

- On the third day, the tomb was empty.
- Jesus appeared ten times after His resurrection.
- The seventh appearance was to Thomas.

Key Scriptures:

- *John 20:28* – “*And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God.*”
- *John 21:22* – “*Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.*”

VII. What Makes John’s Gospel Unique?

1. Omissions in John
 - No genealogy
 - No birth narrative
 - No childhood accounts
 - No temptation
 - No transfiguration
 - No ascension
 - No Great Commission
2. Why?
 - Jesus is presented as eternal: “*In the beginning...*” (John 1:1)
 - *John 21:25* – “*If everything Jesus did were written... the world itself could not contain the books.*”

VIII. The Three Keys to John's Gospel

1. **Purpose** – *John 20:31*

“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”

2. **Identity of Christ** – *John 16:28*

“I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.”

3. **Our Response** – *John 1:12*

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:”

Please note: *This outline highlights points covered during our teaching session on the Gospel of John.*