

# 4262 JOHN

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**PURPOSE:** To inspire faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

**TO WHOM WRITTEN:** Seekers, who want to examine the life of Jesus Christ; and believers who want to be strengthened in their faith.

**MAIN THEME:** An encounter with Jesus Christ demands a response. Those who believe have eternal life, but those who reject Him are under the condemnation of God (John 3:36; 5:24–29; 10:27–29).

**KEY WORD:** Believe.

**KEY VERSE:** 20:31.

**SYNOPSIS:**

- I. Analysis. The book may be divided into five parts.
  - A. The prologue. The eternal Word incarnate, 1:1–18.
  - B. The manifestation of Christ's divinity to the world accompanied by a six-fold testimony: that of John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit, the disciples, Christ's mighty works, the Father, and the Scriptures, 1:19–12:50.
  - C. The private revelation and instruction to the disciples, 13–17.
  - D. His humiliation and triumph over death, 18–20.
  - E. The epilogue, 21:1–23. See The Overview of Christ's Life, 4303b.
- II. Distinctive Features.
  - A. It is considered by many to be the deepest and most spiritual book in the Bible.
  - B. In it, Christ gives a more complete revelation of Himself and of God than in the Synoptic Gospels.
    - 1. Of His person and attributes. See the I Am's of Christ, 4166.

- 2. Of His divinity, 1:1; 10:30–38; 12:45; 14:7–9; 16:15.
- 3. Of the work of the Holy Spirit. See the 6's, 7's, 8's of the Holy Spirit, 4165.
- 4. Of His own divine commission. For example, in the fifth chapter He declares Himself to be sent from God six times, 5:23, 24, 30, 36, 37, 38.
- 5. Of the Fatherhood of God. Christ speaks of God as "the Father" over one hundred times: God is the spiritual Father, 4:23; He is the life-giving Father, 5:21; the message is the Father's, 7:16; the Father is greater than all, 10:29; the works are the Father's, 14:10; God is the Indwelling Father, 14:23; the Eternal Father, 17:5; the Holy Father, 17:11; the Righteous Father, 17:25.
- C. Perhaps the most notable of all the peculiarities of this Gospel is the fact that over one half of the space in the book is given to the events of Christ's life and His sayings during His last days.
- D. Discourses and conversations found only in John: the talk with Nicodemus, 3:1–21; with the woman of Samaria, 4:1–26; the discourse to the Jews at the Festival of Tabernacles, 7:14–39; 8:3–58; the parable of the Good Shepherd, 10; the series of private instructions to the disciples; His comforting words and intercessory prayer, 14–17; His meeting with the disciples at the Sea of Galilee, 21.
- E. John records eight miracles of Christ (beside Christ's resurrection) to prove His divinity. Six of these are found only in this Gospel: the water made wine,

- 2:1–11; healing the nobleman's son, 4:46–54; healing the man at the pool, 5:1–9; healing the man born blind, 9:1–7; the raising of Lazarus, 11; the second great quantity of fish, 21:1–6.
- F. There are two great currents of thought flowing through the book which are profitable to follow:
  - 1. Faith, John 3:16–18; 5:24; 6:29, 40; 7:38; 8:24; 10:37–38; 11:25–27; 12:46; 14:12.
  - 2. Eternal life, 3:15–16, 36; 4:14; 5:24; 6:27, 51; 11:26; 12:50; 17:3; 20:31.

**PROMINENT PEOPLE:** Jesus, John the Baptist, the disciples, Mary—mother of Jesus, Mary, Martha, Lazarus, Pilate.

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# JOHN

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### THE WORD WAS GOD

**1** IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**2** The same was in the beginning with God.

**3** All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

**4** In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

**5** And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

**6** There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John.

**7** The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe.

**8** He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.

**9** *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

**10** He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

**11** He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

**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:

**13** Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

**14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,

(and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

### JOHN'S WITNESS OF CHRIST

**15** John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

**16** And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

**17** For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

**18** No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.

### JOHN'S DENIAL THAT HE WAS THE CHRIST

**19** And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

**20** And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

**21** And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.  
**22** Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

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24 And they which were sent  
were of the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him, and said  
unto him, Why baptizest thou  
then, if thou be not that Christ,  
nor Elias, neither that prophet?  
26 John answered them, say-  
ing, I baptize with water: but  
there standeth one among you,  
whom ye know not;  
27 He it is, who coming after  
me is preferred before me,  
whose shoe's latchet I am not  
worthy to unloose.

28 These things were done  
in Bethabara beyond Jordan,  
where John was baptizing.

### BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

29 The next day John seeth  
Jesus coming unto him, and  
saith, Behold the Lamb of God,  
which taketh away the sin of the  
world.

30 This is he of whom I said,  
After me cometh a man which  
is preferred before me: for he  
was before me.

31 And I knew him not: but  
that he should be made mani-  
fest to Israel, therefore am I  
come baptizing with water.

32 And John bare record, say-  
ing, I saw the Spirit descending  
from heaven like a dove, and  
it abode upon him.

33 And I knew him not: but he  
that sent me to baptize with  
water, the same said unto me,  
Upon whom thou shalt see  
the Spirit descending, and re-  
maining on him, the same is  
he which baptizeth with the  
Holy Ghost.

34 And I saw, and bare record  
that this is the Son of God.

### TWO OF JOHN'S DISCIPLES FOLLOW JESUS

35 Again the next day after  
John stood, and two of his  
disciples;

36 And looking upon Jesus as  
he walked, he saith, Behold the  
Lamb of God!

37 And the two disciples heard  
him speak, and they followed  
Jesus.

38 Then Jesus turned, and saw  
them following, and saith unto  
them, **What seek ye?** They said  
unto him, Rabbi, (which is to  
say, being interpreted, Master,)  
where dwellest thou?

39 He saith unto them, **Come  
and see.** They came and saw  
where he dwelt, and abode  
with him that day: for it was  
about the tenth hour.

40 One of the two which heard  
John *speak*, and followed him,  
was Andrew, Simon Peter's  
brother.

41 He first findeth his own  
brother Simon, and saith unto  
him, We have found the Mes-  
sias, which is, being interpret-  
ed, the Christ.

42 And he brought him to  
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### THE CALLING OF PHILIP AND NATHANAEAL

43 The day following Jesus  
would go forth into Galilee,  
and findeth Philip, and saith  
unto him, **Follow me.**

44 Now Philip was of Beth-  
saida, the city of Andrew and  
Peter.

45 Philip findeth Nathanael,  
and saith unto him, We have  
found him, of whom Moses in  
the law, and the prophets, did  
write, Jesus of Nazareth, the  
son of Joseph.

46 And Nathanael said unto  
him, Can there any good thing  
come out of Nazareth? Philip  
saith unto him, Come and see.

47 Jesus saw Nathanael com-  
ing to him, and saith of him,  
**Behold an Israelite indeed, in  
whom is no guile!**

48 Nathanael saith unto him,  
Whence knowest thou me?  
Jesus answered and said unto  
him, **Before that Philip called  
thee, when thou wast under  
the fig tree, I saw thee.**

49 Nathanael answered and  
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51 And he saith unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.**

## JESUS TURNS WATER INTO WINE

**2** AND the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, **They have no wine.**

4 Jesus saith unto her, **Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.**

5 His mother saith unto the servants, **Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.**

6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

7 Jesus saith unto them, **Fill the waterpots with water.** And they filled them up to the brim.

8 And he saith unto them, **Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast.** And they bare it.

9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,  
10 And saith unto him, **Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.**

11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

## JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE

12 After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days.

13 And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,

14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;

16 And said unto them that sold doves, **Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.**

17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, **The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.**

18 Then answered the Jews and said unto him, **What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?**

19 Jesus answered and said unto them, **Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**

20 Then said the Jews, **Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?**

21 But he spake of the temple of his body.

22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.

24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men,

25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

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## NICODEMUS QUESTIONS JESUS

**3** THERE was a man of the  
Pharisees, named Nicode-  
mus, a ruler of the Jews:

**2** The same came to Jesus  
by night, and said unto him,  
Rabbi, we know that thou art  
a teacher come from God: for  
no man can do these miracles  
that thou doest, except God be  
with him.

**3** Jesus answered and said  
unto him, Verily, verily, I say  
unto thee, Except a man be  
born again, he cannot see the  
kingdom of God.

**4** Nicodemus saith unto him,  
How can a man be born when  
he is old? can he enter the sec-  
ond time into his mother's  
womb, and be born?

**5** Jesus answered, Verily, ver-  
ily, I say unto thee, Except a  
man be born of water and of  
the Spirit, he cannot enter into  
the kingdom of God.

**6** That which is born of the  
flesh is flesh; and that which  
is born of the Spirit is spirit.

**7** Marvel not that I said unto  
thee, Ye must be born again.

**8** The wind bloweth where it  
listeth, and thou hearest the  
sound thereof, but canst not  
tell whence it cometh, and  
whither it goeth: so is every  
one that is born of the Spirit.

**9** Nicodemus answered and  
said unto him, How can these  
things be?

**10** Jesus answered and said  
unto him, Art thou a master of  
Israel, and knowest not these  
things?

**11** Verily, verily, I say unto thee,  
We speak that we do know, and  
testify that we have seen; and  
ye receive not our witness.

## GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

**12** If I have told you earthly  
things, and ye believe not, how  
shall ye believe, if I tell you of  
heavenly things?

**13** And no man hath ascended  
up to heaven, but he that came  
down from heaven, even the  
Son of man which is in heaven.

**14** And as Moses lifted up the

serpent in the wilderness,  
even so must the Son of man  
be lifted up:

**15** That whosoever believeth  
in him should not perish, but  
have eternal life.

**16** For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten  
Son, that whosoever believeth  
in him should not perish, but  
have everlasting life.

**17** For God sent not his Son  
into the world to condemn  
the world; but that the world  
through him might be saved.

**18** He that believeth on him is  
not condemned: but he that  
believeth not is condemned  
already, because he hath not  
believed in the name of the  
only begotten Son of God.

**19** And this is the condemna-  
tion, that light is come into the  
world, and men loved darkness  
rather than light, because their  
deeds were evil.

**20** For every one that doeth  
evil hateth the light, neither  
cometh to the light, lest his  
deeds should be reprov'd.

**21** But he that doeth truth  
cometh to the light, that his  
deeds may be made manifest,  
that they are wrought in God.

## JOHN'S TESTIMONY ABOUT JESUS

**22** After these things came  
Jesus and his disciples into the  
land of Judaea; and there he  
tarried with them, and bap-  
tized.

**23** And John also was baptiz-  
ing in Aenon near to Salim, be-  
cause there was much water  
there: and they came, and were  
baptized.

**24** For John was not yet cast  
into prison.

**25** Then there arose a ques-  
tion between some of John's  
disciples and the Jews about  
purifying.

**26** And they came unto John,  
and said unto him, Rabbi, he  
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27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.

29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.

32 And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.

33 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.

34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*.

35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

#### THE WOMAN AT JACOB'S WELL

**4** WHEN therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,

2 (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

3 He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.

4 And he must needs go through Samaria.

5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with *his* journey, sat thus on the well: *and* it was about the sixth hour.

7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, *Give me to drink*.

8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, *If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water*.

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, *Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life*.

15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

16 Jesus saith unto her, *Go, call thy husband, and come hither*.

17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, *Thou hast well said, I have no husband:*

18 *For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly*.

19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

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