

GOD'S MASTERWORK, VOLUME FIVE
GOD WITH US—A SURVEY OF MATTHEW—ACTS
JOHN: THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE
A SURVEY OF JOHN



The Heart of the Matter

A question frequently asked by new Christians is, “Which book of the Bible should I study first?” Bible-translating teams often ask a similar question: “Which book should we translate first?” Believers occasionally wonder, “Which section of Scripture would be good for my non-Christian friends to read?” All three questions are usually answered the same way: *the gospel of John*. The fourth gospel is considered a primer on the essential basics of Christianity. In the book of John, Christ is clearly and preeminently exalted as deity. In simple (yet profound) terms, Jesus is set forth so that all may believe that He is indeed the Son of God. Hopefully, this lesson, which provides a bird’s-eye view of the twenty-one chapters in John, will help all of us realize that eternal life begins with Christ.



Discovering the Way

1. Introduction: Why This Fourth Gospel Account?

God brought us this fourth gospel account through the apostle John to teach us that Jesus is God.

2. Examination: What Was John’s Motive?

John wrote his gospel so that his readers may believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

3. Observation: How Did John Present It?

John began this gospel by emphasizing the public ministry of Jesus (John 1–12). John then turned his attention to a few days of Jesus’s private ministry before His crucifixion and resurrection (John 13–21).



Starting Your Journey

Those who believe the message will acknowledge Jesus’s claims and commit themselves to Him without reservation.



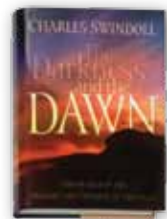
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	Deity	God-Man	Ministry	Discourse	Trials and Death	Empty Tomb	Assurance
	"The Word was God" (1:1). <i>CHAPTER</i> 1:1–13	"The Word became flesh" (1:14). <i>Miraculous signs:</i> Turns water into wine (2) Heals official's son (4) <i>CHAPTERS</i> 1:14–4:54	<i>Miraculous signs:</i> Heals invalid at Bethesda (5) Feeds 5,000 (6) Walks on water (6) Heals blind man (9) Raises Lazarus (11) <i>CHAPTERS</i> 5–12	<i>Private talks:</i> Servanthood (13) Heaven (14) Abiding (15) Promises (16) Prayer (17) <i>CHAPTERS</i> 13–17	 <i>CHAPTERS</i> 18–19	<i>Private talks:</i> Appearances (20) <i>CHAPTER</i> 20	<i>Private talks:</i> Future (21) <i>CHAPTER</i> 21
Stage	Prologue	Acceptance	Conflict	Preparation	Crucifixion	Triumph	Epilogue
Audience	Public message		CHANGE		Private message		
Time	Three years			Several days			
Jesus's Seven "I Am" Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "I am the bread of life." (6:35) • "I am the Light of the world." (8:12) • "I am the door." (10:9) • "I am the good shepherd." (10:11) 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "I am the resurrection and the life." (11:25) • "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." (14:6) • "I am the true vine." (15:1) 			
Theme	Salvation comes only through Jesus Christ, the Son of God.						
Key Verse	20:31						
Christ in John	Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, the way, the truth, and the life who alone is the revelation of God and salvation of people (1:1–18; 20:31).						

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