

The Gospel of John

John 1:1-8

I. Introduction to the Gospel of John

- A. Written by John, the beloved disciple Cf. 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7, 20
1. The book was written between _____ - _____ AD
 2. The book was written several years _____ the other 3 Gospels
- B. Several significant people found in the Gospel of John
1. _____ -the focus of the entire book
 2. _____, the Baptist-forerunner of Christ; not the same John who authored the Gospel
 3. The _____ -the 12 men whom Christ had called personally to walk with Him during His earthly ministry
 4. _____ -the Mother of Jesus
 5. Mary and Martha-_____ sisters
 6. _____ -the one whom Christ raised from the dead
 7. _____ -the Roman Governor who ordered Jesus Crucifixion
- C. The purpose of the Gospel Cf. 20:31
1. To point people to Christ, as the _____
 2. To give them a _____ to believe on Christ and be saved
 3. The word "believe" is used over _____ X's in the Gospel

II. The Subject of the Introduction by John-"The _____"

- A. He is the _____ One Vs 1-2
1. "In the beginning was the Word/The same was in the beginning with God"
 - a. Christ has _____ been
 - b. When the beginning began, Christ was _____ existing
 2. "The Word was with God"
 - a. Christ dwelt in the very presence of God
 - b. Therefore, there had to be something _____ about Christ
 3. "The Word was God"
 - a. That special something about Christ is that He was and is _____, the second person of the Trinity
 - b. John begins his record of Christ's life by proclaiming that he is writing about _____, the Messiah
- B. He is the _____ of all things Vs 3
1. All things are made by Christ
 2. If it exists, it does so because Christ created it and _____ it together
Col 1:16-17 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.
- C. He is the _____ Giver Vs 4a
1. *Jn 11:25-26a Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."*
 2. *1 John 5:11-13 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name*

of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

- D. He is the _____ shining in darkness Vs 4b-5
1. And the life was the light of men Vs 4b
 - a. The life offered by Christ was a _____ to the hopeless
 - b. The life offered by Christ was a _____ to direct the path of those wondering aimlessly in the darkness of their sin
 2. And the light shineth in darkness Vs 5a
 - a. Christ came to light the path of all who are _____ around aimlessly in the darkness of their sin
 - b. Cf. 1:9; 3:16-21; 8:12; 9:5; 12:35-36, 46
 3. And the darkness comprehended it not Vs 5b
 - a. In _____ darkness one cannot see and can easily become disoriented
 - b. When light shines in darkness it carries a _____ effect on those in the darkness
 - c. While Christ walked on the earth, the majority of those in spiritual darkness were blinded by the _____ of Christ because of their spiritual blindness
 1. They just couldn't comprehend the person of Christ because He was _____ and they were darkness
 2. They did not _____ to comprehend the person of Christ because they were very uncomfortable as darkness dwellers because the Light _____ their darkness Cf. John 3:19-20

III. The _____ Behind the Introduction of the Gospel of John Vs 6-8

- A. He was _____ from God Vs 6a
- B. His name was John (Jehovah has been _____) Vs 6b
- C. He came to be a witness (one who _____ what he knows) concerning the Light Vs 7a
- D. He came to lead people _____ the darkness to believing faith in the Light Vs 7b
- E. He had no _____ to be the Light himself Vs 8a
- F. He came to _____ people to the Light and away from their darkness Vs 8b