

# *The Pastor's Bible Study*

An interactive study of the Gospel of John<sup>1</sup>

## *Week 1 ~ Exploring John*

### **Personal Study Time:**

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(Use the following suggestions in your personal Bible study time this week to prepare for our class discussion next Saturday.)

- Please read the Gospel of John through in one sitting, if possible. While the impact of that reading is still fresh, close the book and write out your thoughts on the following:
  - What have I learned about Jesus that I didn't know before?
  - What effect did the concentrated reading of the gospel have on my personal relationship with Jesus?
  - What aspects of the book did I notice for the first time?
  
- Read John 1:1-18 (the Prologue to the Gospel).
  - Mark the key terms in the passage (hint: life, light, receive, believe, etc.).
  - Read the rest of the gospel carefully, marking each reoccurrence of the key terms you found in the Prologue.

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<sup>1</sup> Quoted and/or adapted from Jon Paulien and George R. Knight, *John: Jesus Gives Life to a New Generation*, The Abundant Life Bible Amplifier (Boise, Idaho: Pacific Press, 1995).

# Outline of the Gospel of John

## **I. PROLOGUE: THE MISSION OF JESUS (1:1-18)**

## **II. THE EARTHLY MINISTRY OF JESUS (1:19 - 12:50)**

- A. Beginning of Jesus' Ministry (1:19-51)
  - 1) The Testimony of the Baptist (19-34)
  - 2) The Baptist's Disciples Come to Jesus (35-51)
- B. From Cana to Cana (2:1 - 4:54)
  - 1) First Miracle at Cana (2:1-11)
  - 2) Events in Jerusalem (2:12-25)
  - 3) Conversation with Nicodemus (3:1-21)
  - 4) The Role of the Baptist (3:22-30)
  - 5) The Role of Jesus (3:31-36)
  - 6) Conversation with the Samaritan Woman (4:1-42)
  - 7) Events at Jerusalem (4:43-45)
  - 8) Second Miracle at Cana (4:46-54)
- C. Jesus and the Jewish Feasts (5:1 - 10:42)
  - 1) The Pool of Bethesda (5:1-47)
  - 2) The Passover Bread of Life (6:1-71)
  - 3) Crisis at the Feast of Tabernacles (7:1 - 8:59)
  - 4) The Man Born Blind (9:1-41)
  - 5) The Good Shepherd (10:1-21)
  - 6) The Feast of Dedication (10:22-39)
  - 7) Conclusion to the Public Ministry (10:40-42)
- D. Jesus Moves Toward Death (11:1 - 12:50)
  - 1) The Raising of Lazarus (11:1-44)
  - 2) Plot to Kill Jesus (11:45-57)
  - 3) The Anointing at Bethany (12:1-8)
  - 4) The Triumphal Entry (12:9-19)
  - 5) The Coming of Jesus "Hour" (12:20-36)
- E. Summation of Jesus' Ministry (12:37-50)

## **III. THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS (13:1 - 20:31)**

- A. The "Upper Room" (13:1 - 17:26)
  - 1) The Foot Washing (13:1-30)
  - 2) The Departure and Return of Jesus (13:31 - 14:31)
  - 3) Jesus the True Vine (15:1-17)
  - 4) The World's Hatred (15:18 - 16:5)
  - 5) The Work of the Holy Spirit (16:5-16)
  - 6) Grief Turns to Joy (16:17-33)
  - 7) The Prayer of Dedication (17:1-26)
- B. The Death and Resurrection (18:1 - 20:31)
  - 1) The Arrest of Jesus (18:1-12)
  - 2) Trial before the High Priest (18:13-27)
  - 3) Trial before Pilate (18:28 - 19:16a)
  - 4) The Death and Burial of Jesus (19:16b-42)
  - 5) The Resurrection of Jesus (20:1-29)
  - 6) The Purpose of the Book (20:30,31)

## **IV. EPILOGUE: THE MISSION OF THE DISCIPLES (21:1-25)**