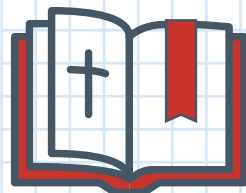


THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

WHY JOHN'S GOSPELS EXISTS



Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But 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.

—John 20:20-21

Every detail in John was deliberately placed there to increase your faith in Jesus.



READING TIP: Whenever you don't understand something, ask, "What about this did John think would help me believe?"



HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE EVENTS IN JOHN'S GOSPEL

After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken

—John 2:22



The narrator tells us several times that the disciples only understood Jesus when they remembered his words *after* the Crucifixion and Resurrection.



You can only understand what Jesus says and does by looking back from the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

READING TIP: Whenever you are puzzled, ask, "How does the Crucifixion and Resurrection color this event?"



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OUTLINE OF THE BOOK

Locate a Passage Below to Help Make Sense of It

CHAPTER 1 – THE PROLOGUE

Lays out the key themes, including the names or titles Jesus will be called later in the book:

- Jesus is God, and yet distinct from God
- Through the Holy Spirit, God will begin to remake humanity
- Many people will miss the life that Jesus wants to give them.

CHAPTERS 2-10 – SIGNS AND CONTROVERSIES

- Jesus does or says something that shows how he is the fulfillment of Israel's scriptures
- People misunderstand

Chapters 2-4 – Four Jewish Institutions

Chapters 5-10 – Four Jewish Feasts

CHAPTERS 11-12

The Raising of Lazarus, Which Leads to the Plot to Kill Jesus.

CHAPTERS 13-17 – JESUS'S FINAL WORDS TO HIS DISCIPLES ("THE LAST SUPPER")

- Love and serve one another
- Stay connected to Jesus
- "In this world, you will have trouble, but do not be afraid: I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

CHAPTERS 18-19 – TRIAL AND CRUCIFIXION

- The Passion is a perverse enthronement: Jesus is given a crown, a scepter, a royal robe, and a sign over the Cross that says "THE KING OF THE JEWS"
- Ask, What kind of king is this?

CHAPTER 20 – THE RESURRECTION!

CHAPTER 21 – THE EPILOGUE

- A few details from the early church that has preserved John's Gospel