

John

“That you may believe . . .”

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Key Words & Phrases

- **Father** (~136 times)

- 1:14, 18; 2:16; 3:35; 4:20-21, 23; 5:17-23, 26, 36-37, 43, 45; 6:27, 32, 37, 40, 44-46, 57, 65

- **Believe** (~99 times)

- 1:7, 12, 50; 2:11, 22-24; 3:12, 36; 4:41-42, 48; 5:24, 38, 46-47; 6:29-30, 35-36, 40, 47

- **Jew/Jews/Jewish** (~70 times)

- 1:19; 2:6, 13, 18, 20; 3:1, 25; 4:9, 22; 5:1, 10, 15-16, 18; 6:4, 41, 52; 7:1-2 (Lev. 23:24; Neh. 8:14), 11, 13, 15

Key Words & Phrases

- **Word/Words** (*logos*: 40 times; *rhema*: 12 times)
 - 1:1, 14; 3:34; 4:41; 6:60; 8:20, 31, 47, 51
- **Truth** (25 times)/**True** (23 times)
 - 1:9, 14, 17; 3:21, 33; 4:23-24; 8:32, 40, 44-46; 14:6, 17; 15:26; 16:13; 17:17; 18:38
- **Love** (~44 times)
 - 3:16, 19, 35; 5:42; 8:42; 10:17; 11:5; 12:43; 13:1, 23, 34-35; 14:15, 21, 23-24, 31; 15:10

Key Words & Phrases

- **Life** (36 times)
 - 1:4; 3:15-16, 36; 4:14, 36; 5:24, 26, 29, 39-40; 6:27, 33, 35, 40, 47-48, 51, 53-54, 63, 68
- **Judge/Condemn** (19 times)/**Judgment** (12 times)
 - 3:17-19; 5:22, 27, 29; 7:24, 51; 12:47-48
- **Light** (23 times)
 - 1:4-5, 7-9; 3:19-21; 5:35; 8:12; 9:5; 11:9-10

Theme

- Jesus is from God—the signs validate/confirm his authenticity and his message
 - #1: Water to grape juice (2:11)
 - #2: Healing the nobleman's son (4:54)
 - #3: Healing the man with 38-year illness (5:1-15)
 - #4: Feeding 5,000 & walking on water (6:14)
 - #5: Healing the man born blind (ch. 9)
 - #6: Lazarus' resurrection (11:38-45) → Heb. 11:35
 - #7: Jesus' resurrection (ch. 20)
 - #8: Second catch of fish (21:1-6)

Characteristics of John

- Jesus' concern for individuals and multitudes
 - His mother and the host at the wedding (2:1-11)
 - Nicodemus (3:1-15)
 - Woman at the well and the Samaritans
 - 4:7-27, 39-42
 - The 5,000 he fed and taught (ch. 6)
 - Adulterous woman (8:1-11)
 - Man born blind (ch. 9)
 - Mary, Martha and Lazarus (ch. 11)
 - His mother (19:26-27)

Characteristics of John

- Fourfold witness
 - Witness of John (5:33-35)
 - Witness of works (5:36)
 - Witness of the Father (5:37-38)
 - Witness of the Scriptures (5:39-47)

Characteristics of John

- Interactions only in John
 - Nicodemus (3:1-21)
 - Samaritan woman at the well (4:1-26)
 - The Feast of Booths (7:14-39; 8:12-58)
 - The Good Shepherd (10:7-16)
 - The Feast of Dedication (10:22-39)
 - Hanukkah or Festival of Lights: commemorates the restoration of the temple after Judas Maccabeus led the revolt against Antiochus Epiphanes (165-164 BC)

Characteristics of John

- Interactions only in John
 - Parting words of comfort (chs. 14-16)
 - The Lord's prayer (ch. 17)
 - Meeting with the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias (Galilee) (ch. 21)

Characteristics of John

- “I am” statements
 - The bread of life, the bread from Heaven, the living bread (6:35, 41, 48, 51)
 - Light of the world (8:12; 9:5)
 - I AM (8:24, 28, 58; 13:19; 18:5, 6, 8)
 - The door of the sheep, the door, the good shepherd (10:7, 9, 11, 14)
 - The Son of God (10:36)
 - The resurrection and the life (11:25)

Characteristics of John

- “I am” statements
 - Teacher and Lord (13:13)
 - The way, the truth, the life (14:6)
 - The true vine, the vine (15:1, 5)
 - A king (18:37)

Teaching in the Temple & Synagogues

#1—6:59

#2—7:14, 28

#3—8:2, 20

#4—18:20

Verses to Remember

- 1:29
- 2:5
- 3:3, 5, 30
- 4:23-24
- 5:35
- 6:38
- 7:17
- 8:31-32, 36

Verses to Remember

- 9:31
- 10:10, 27-30
- 11:25
- 12:21
- 13:35
- 14:15, 21, 23-24, 27
- 15:14

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- 16:13
- 17:3, 20-21
- 18:36
- 19:5, 30
- 20:28, 30-31
- 21:25

Outline

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Ch. 6: Bread of Life

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The Resurrection

Ch. 20: Resurrection

Ch. 21: Post-Resurrection Appearance
& Breakfast by the Sea

Memory Verse Review (Zechariah—Luke)

- Zech. 6:12b—“Behold...”
- Mal. 4:2—“To you...”
- Mt. 5:17—“Do not think...”
- Mk. 7:37b
- Lk. 2:52

Memorization for John

20:30-31

“And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name”