

The background is a vertical split. The left side shows dark blue, rippling water. The right side shows light brown, cracked, and parched earth. The text is overlaid on this background.

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## AUTHOR

Although the author's name does not appear in the gospel, early church tradition strongly and consistently identified him as the Apostle John. The early church father Irenaeus (A.D. 130-200) was a disciple of Polycarp (A.D. 70-160), who was a disciple of the Apostle John, and he testified on Polycarp's authority that John wrote the gospel during his residence at Ephesus in Asia Minor when he was advanced in age. Subsequent to Irenaeus, all the church fathers assumed John to be the gospel's author. While the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) identify the Apostle John by name approximately 20 times, he is not directly mentioned by name in the Gospel of John. Instead, the author prefers to identify himself as the disciple "whom Jesus loved."

## DATE

Because the writings of some church fathers indicate that John was actively writing in his old age and that he was already aware of the synoptic gospels, many date the gospel sometime after their composition, but prior to John's writing of 1-3 John or Revelation. John wrote his gospel A.D. 80-90, about 50 years after he witnessed Jesus' earthly ministry.


## HISTORICAL AND THEOLOGICAL THEMES

In accordance with John's evangelistic and apologetic purposes, the overall message of the gospel is found in John 20:31 "but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the God; and that believing you may have life in His name." The book, therefore, centers on the person and work of Christ. There are also 7 emphatic "I AM" statements which identify Jesus as God and Messiah.

## OUTLINE

- I. The Incarnation of the Son of God (1:1-18)
- II. The Presentation of the Son of God (1:19-4:54)
- III. The Opposition to the Son of God (5:1-12:50)
- IV. The Preparation of the Disciples by the Son of God (13:1-17:26)
- V. The Execution of the Son of God (18:1-19:37)
- VI. The Resurrection of the Son of God (19:38-21:23)
- VII. Conclusion (21:24,25)

# JOHN

	<b>Deity</b> “The Word was God” (1:1).	<b>God-Man</b> “The Word became flesh” (1:14). <i>Miraculous signs:</i> Turns water into wine (2) Heals official’s son (4)	<b>Ministry</b> <i>Miraculous signs:</i> Heals invalid at Bethesda (5) Feeds 5,000 (6) Walks on water (6) Heals blind man (9) Raises Lazarus (11)	<b>Discourse</b> <i>Private talks:</i> Servanthood (13) Heaven (14) Abiding (15) Promises (16) Prayer (17)	<b>Trials and Death</b> 	<b>Empty Tomb</b> <i>Private talks:</i> Appearances (20)	<b>Assurance</b> <i>Private talks:</i> Future (21)
	CHAPTER 1:1–13	CHAPTERS 1:14–4:54	CHAPTERS 5–12	CHAPTERS 13–17	CHAPTERS 18–19	CHAPTER 20	CHAPTER 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"> <li>• “I am the bread of life.” (6:35)</li> <li>• “I am the Light of the world.” (8:12)</li> <li>• “I am the door.” (10:9)</li> <li>• “I am the good shepherd.” (10:11)</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “I am the resurrection and the life.” (11:25)</li> <li>• “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” (14:6)</li> <li>• “I am the true vine.” (15:1)</li> </ul>			
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).						






**The Deity of Christ**



*In the beginning,*  
GOD CREATED

*the heavens and  
the earth.*

GENESIS 1:1



**For everything  
comes from God  
alone. Everything  
lives by His power,  
and everything is  
for His glory.**

Romans 11:36



A religious painting depicting Jesus Christ standing on a rocky cliff, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape at sunrise or sunset. He is wearing a white robe and holding a wooden staff. The sky is filled with soft, golden light, and a few white doves are flying in the distance. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

JESUS

*Light of The World*



*“Walking in the Light”*

means we consider Jesus as  
“the light” in this world,  
and we “walk” in that light  
by following His precepts,  
living in His power,  
and growing in His grace.



## APPLICATION

1. May we gain an understanding of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Already in just these first 5 verses we have seen that He is God, the Creator, He is the Life giver, and He is the Light. So how do we respond? Bow down and worship Him. And thank Him.
2. Let's proclaim Him. Proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior. Salvation is in the person of Jesus Christ. Believe that Jesus is The Christ. And doing so you will have eternal life. So, everyday live your life so others see Jesus. Share your testimony. Share the Gospel Message.