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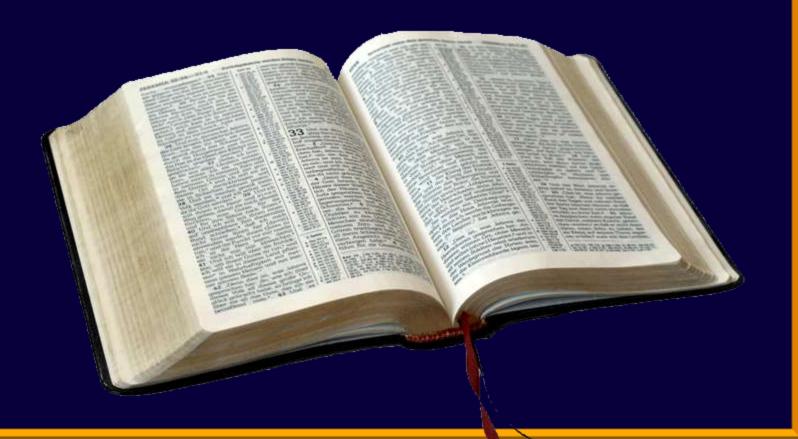


CHAPTER 1 N the beginning Rwas the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [v. 14; 17:5, 24] RThe same was in the beginning Gen. 1:1 RAll things were made by him; without him was not any thing

# "We know nothing of religion here: we think only of Christ."

C.S. Lewis (1946). The Great Divorce.

# THE BIBLE



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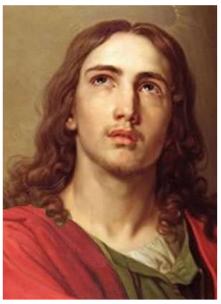
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#### JOHN, SON OF ZEBEDEE

**ALIASES:** John the Apostle, Ἰωάννης (*Iōannēs*), John the Evangelist, John of Patmos, Son of Thunder, the Beloved Disciple

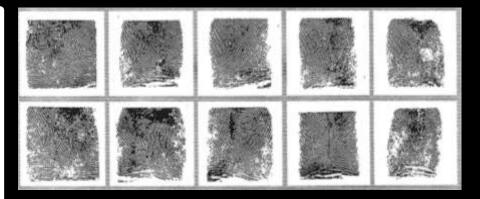




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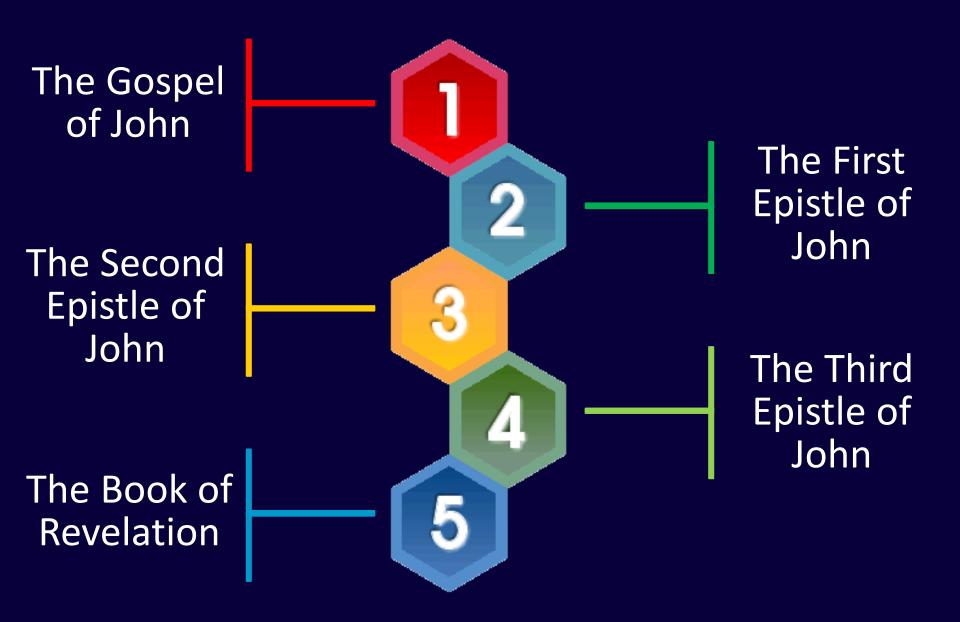
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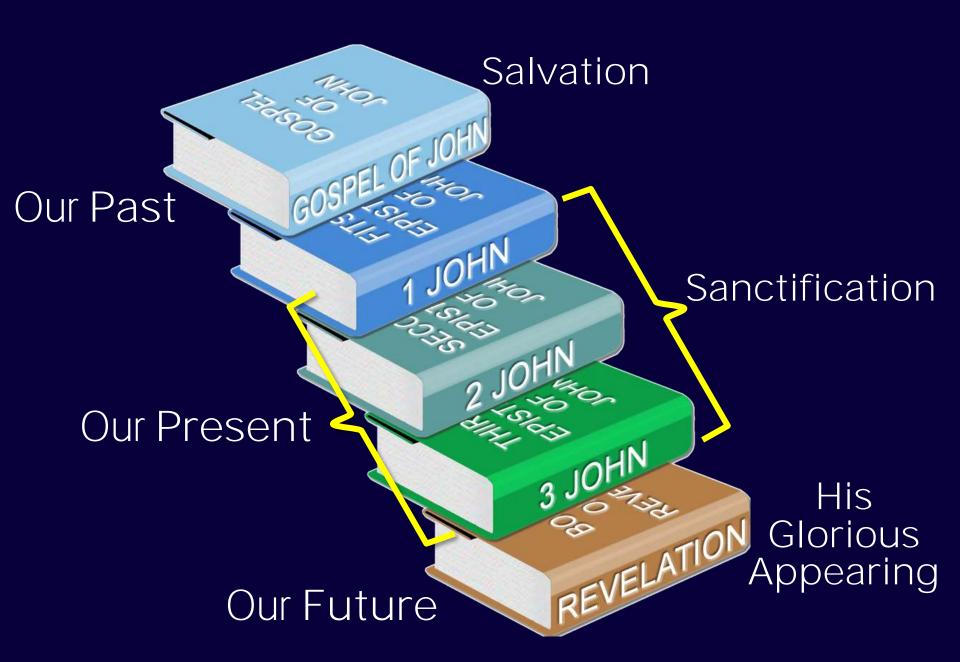
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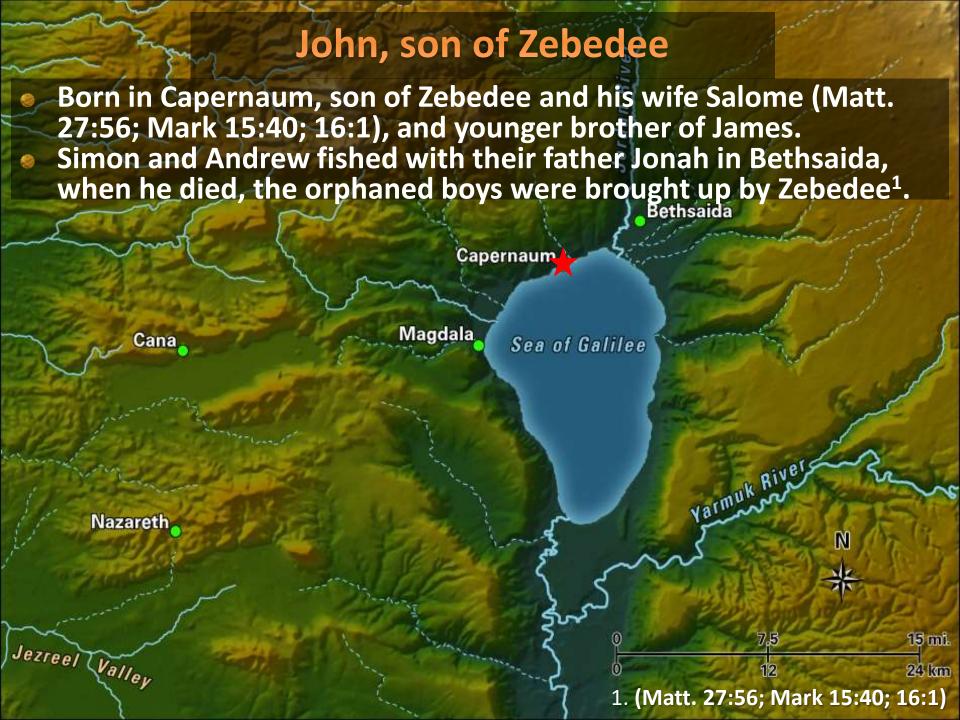
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HEIGHT: 5'8" WEIGHT: 140-160 lbs EYES: brown HAIR: brown
BUILD: medium COMPLEXION: swarthy NATIONALITY: heaven
OCCUPATION: fisherman, author, apostle, aged carer, theologian
FATHER: Zebedee MOTHER: Salome BROTHER: James
KNOWN ASSOCIATES: Jesus Christ; Mary; Mary; the "Twelve";
Peter, Paul and Mary; Polycarp; Ignatius of Antioch

#### What did John write?



### What did John have to say?

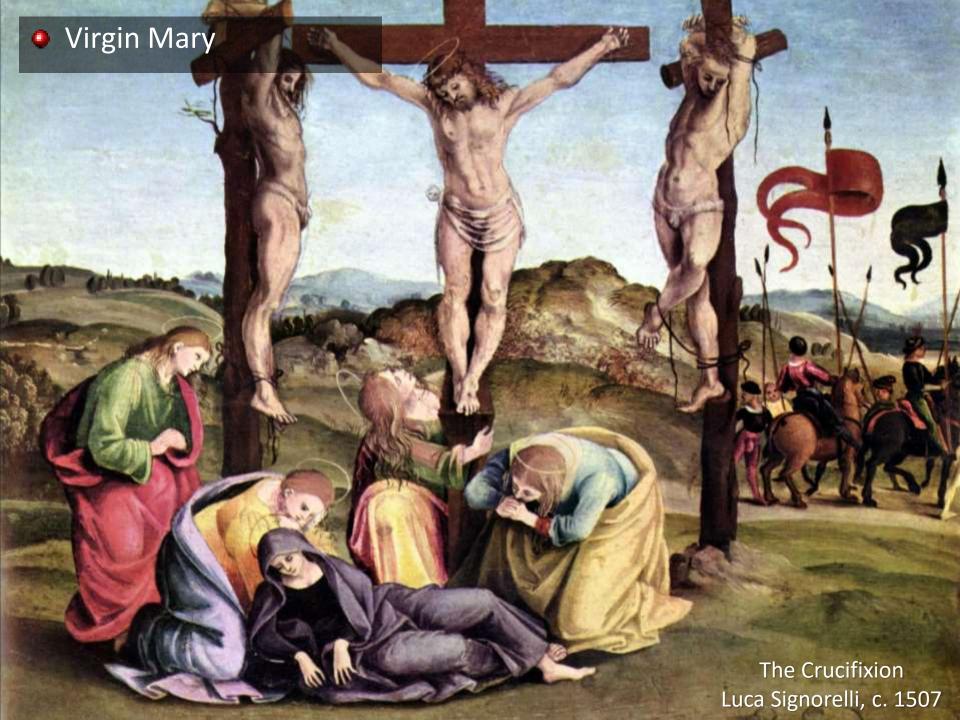










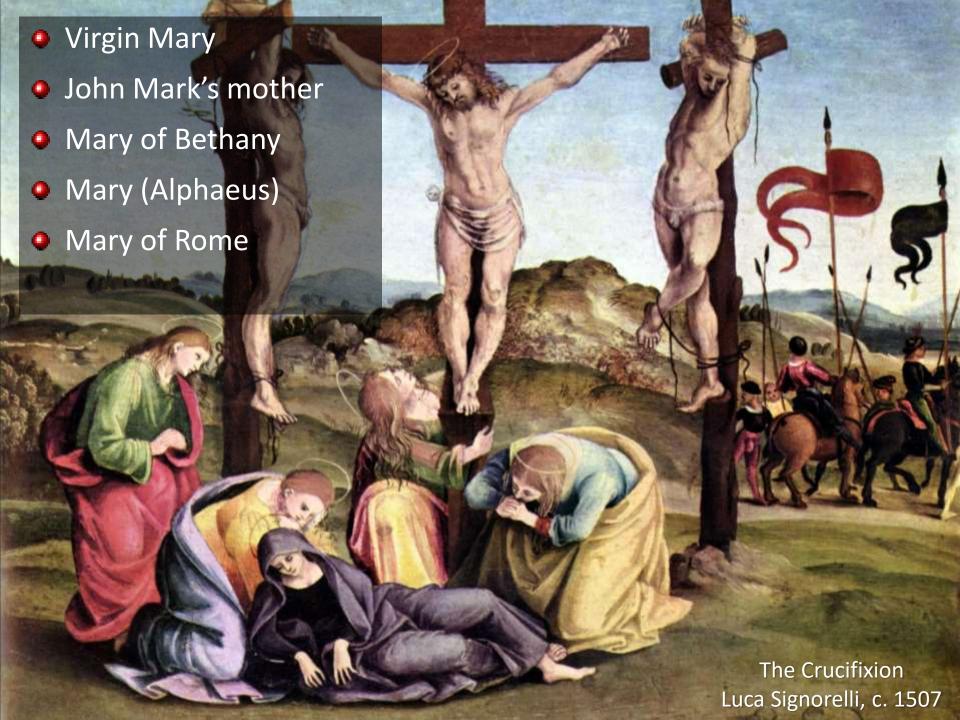


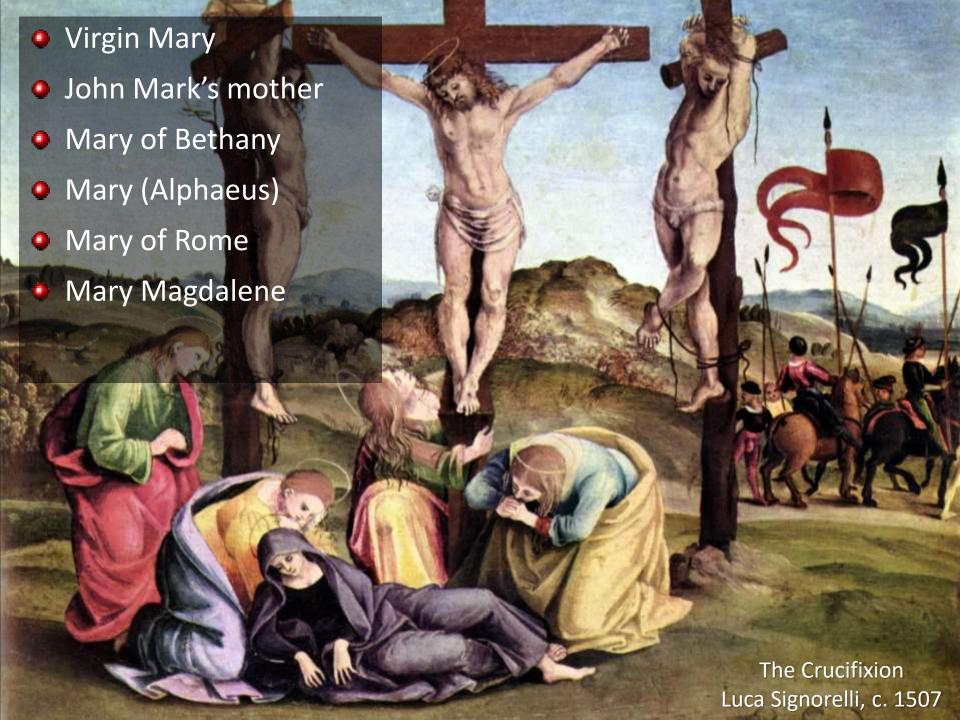














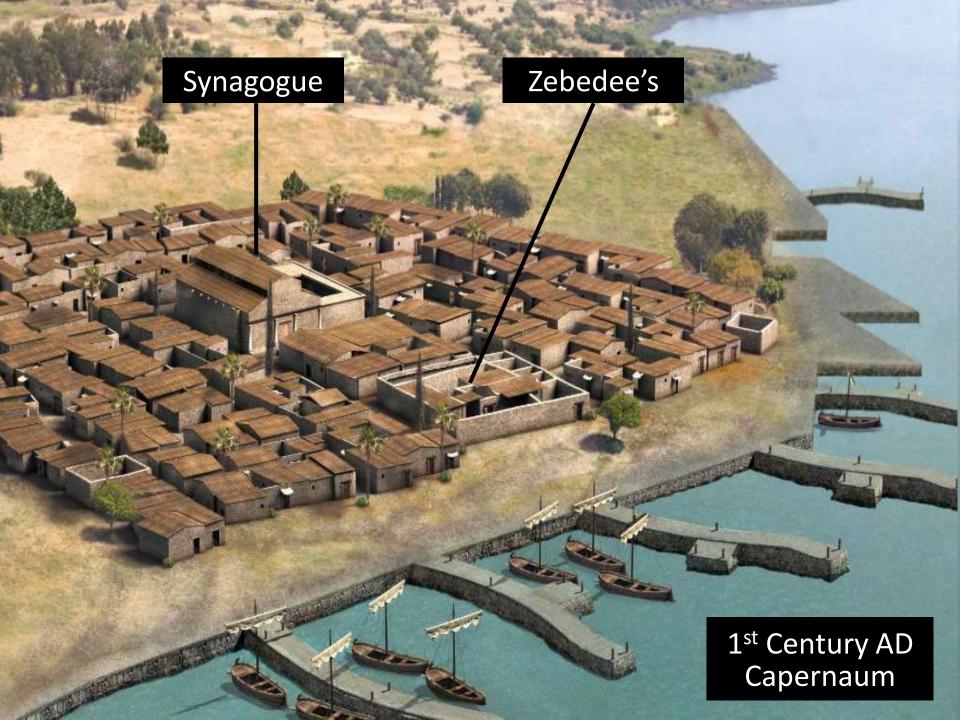
























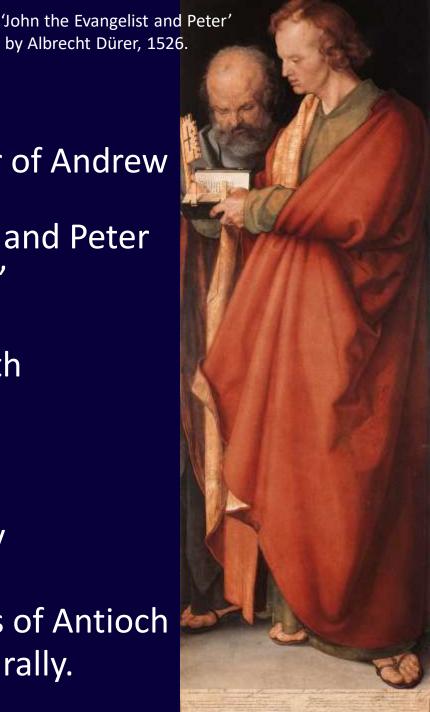






#### So who was John?

- First cousin of Jesus
- Cousin of John the Baptist
- Brother of James, foster brother of Andrew and Simon Peter
- In Jesus' inner circle with James and Peter
- The "disciple whom Jesus loved"
- The restless fisherman
- The "son of thunder" in his youth
- The courageous follower
- The apostle of love
- The theologian and evangelist
- Protector of Jesus' mother Mary
- Wrote five N.T. books
- Teacher of Polycarp and Ingatius of Antioch
- Only original disciple to die naturally.

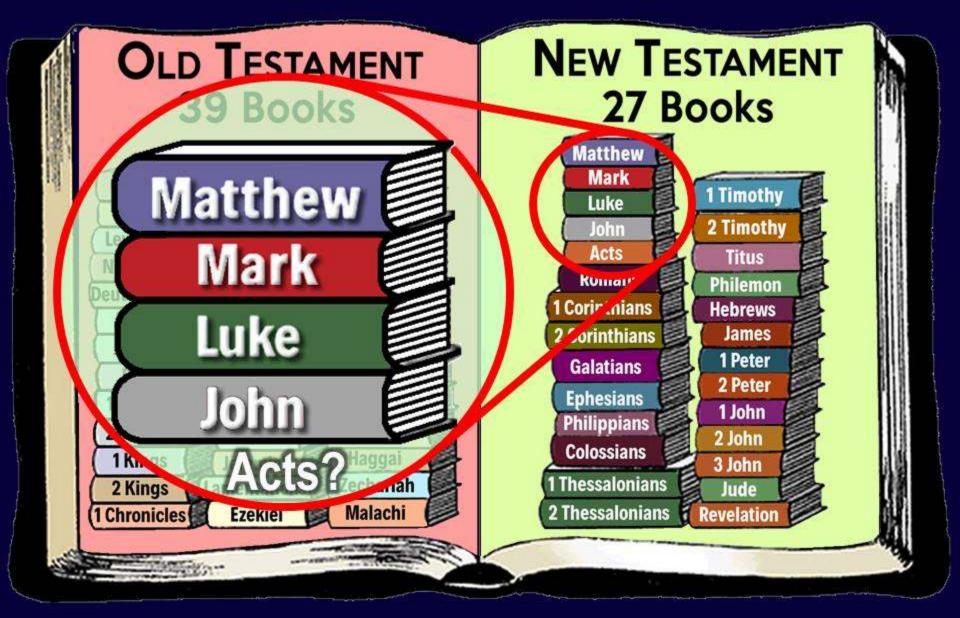


#### The purpose of John's ministry

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.

John 20:30-31

#### The first 4 NT books are called the "Gospels"



#### Okay, but what IS the Gospel?

- <sup>1</sup> Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;
- <sup>2</sup> By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.
- <sup>3</sup> For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;
- <sup>4</sup> And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

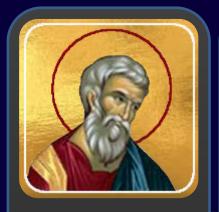
# "The gospel is neither a discussion nor a debate."

"It is an announcement!"

Dr. Paul S. Rees

#### **The Four Gospels**

#### Matthew Mark Luke John



The Promised One is here.

See His Credentials.



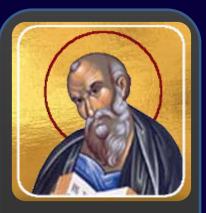
This is how He worked.

See His Power.



This what He was like.

See His Nature.



This who He really was.

See His Godship.

#### The synoptic gospels

- Matthew, Mark and Luke are Synoptic Gospels.
- "Synoptic" means "summary". It comes from a Greek word meaning "seeing the whole together."
- The three gospels include much of the same content, often in a similar sequence and in similar wording.
- All three belong to the genre of biography, covering:
  - Jesus' teachings
  - His origins, ministry and miracles
  - His passion and resurrection
- John, a theological gospel, has comparatively distinct content.

#### Why Four Gospels?

#### Different Writers, Different Perspectives

- Developing interest:
  - 1. What He did (Mark)
  - 2. What He said (Matthew, Luke)
  - 3. What He was (John)
- Differing insights:
  - 1. King of the Jews (Matthew)
  - 2. Son of man (Mark)
  - 3. Saviour of the world (Luke)
  - 4. Son of God (John)

#### Why Four Gospels?

#### Different Audiences, Different Perspectives

- Written for believers:
  - Matthew (Jews; new Christians, converts)
  - John (older; mature Christians throughout the world)
- Written for non-believers:
  - Mark wrote for Romans. Many Roman Christians were slaves, so Mark wrote on the theme Jesus the Suffering Servant (slave) sent to minister to suffering people and to die for the sins of the world.
  - Luke wrote for Greeks, a generally very sophisticated and philosophical people proudly aware of their culture. He described the babe who grew up to be the perfect Man.

Design of the dospers		
/ Jesus as King	Jesus as Servant	Jesus as Man
matthew a tax collector	mark a missionary	<b>≺</b> luke a doctor
written	written	written A.D. 62

Did

Roman

Demon

expelled

Servanthood

Ascension

**Events** 

**SERVANT** 

Jesus

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Jesus

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**MESSIAH** 

Leper cleansed

(leprosy = sin)

Credentials

Resurrection

**Events** 

Abraham

Said

Jew

(legal line)

SON OF

MAN

(Blood line)

Adam

Felt

Greek

Demon

(Acts)

**Events** 

expelled

Compassion

Spirit promise

Jesus as God

A.D. 80-90

SON OF GOD

(Pre-existence)

Believers (all)

Water to wine

Return promise

Jesus' Deity

(Revelation)

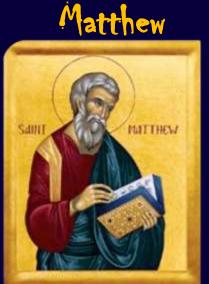
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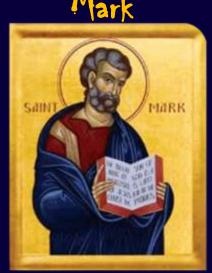
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#### The Four Gospels

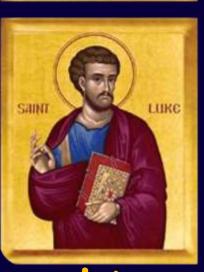
The Messiah
The Promised
One is here; see
His Credentials.
(To the Jew)



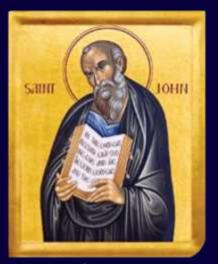


Suffering Servant
This is how He
worked; see
His Power
(To Romans)

Son of Man
This what He
was like; see
His Nature.
(To the Greek)



Luke



John

Son of God
This is who He
really was; see
His Godship.
(To Christians)

#### Why all the misunderstandings today?

Hellenistic Greek is very complex.

for example, both nouns and verbs may take forms in Greek that English has no equivalents for.

- Thus, some Greek words require at least a phrase to convey the meaning.
- Alas, most translations take the easy way out and simply assign the "closest" English word.

#### What's the main difference?

Greek doesn't always work the way English does, e.g.:

- English: verb tense mainly is past, present or future.
- Greek verbs have seven tenses, not just three. They can also refer to time of action and also the type of action.
  - Present tense continuous (or progressive) action.
  - Aorist tense simple occurrence (like past tense)
  - Imperfect tense action that happened continually or repeatedly in the past.
  - Perfect tense action completed but results are ongoing.
  - Future tense anticipated or certain future happening.
  - Plus 2 more rarely used in the New Testament.

- Of course, Greek grammar really isn't so simple.
- Every Greek verb has four aspects besides tense, including person (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>); number (singular, plural); voice; and mood. Each verb changes form to define these aspects.
- But fortunately we're not here to learn Greek!
- So let's just focus on why the grammatical differences can adversely affect our Bible understanding.



#### Two of the main culprits

Present Tense (continuous ongoing action)

The continuous present can be expressed as "I am \_\_\_\_ing" or "I am continuing to \_\_\_\_."

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock..." (Rev. 3:20)

Perfect Tense (a.k.a. present progressive tense)

The perfect tense expresses perfective action. Perfective action involves a present state which has resulted from a past action. The present state is a **continuing state or a finished product**; the past action is a completed action.

Pilate answered, "That which I have written, I have written."
(Jn 19:22)

# LET'S EXAMINE AFAMILIAR BIBLE VERSE.



#### John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

πιστεύω

Present
Active
Participle
Nominative
Singular
Masculine

Continuous ongoing action

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For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever [continues to] believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

#### **Key Theme**

## JOHN

#### JESUS IS THE CHRIST: BELIEVE AND LIVE!

in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>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.

JOHN 20:31

#### Themes in the Gospel of John

Jesus is God, the "I am"

Signs and Wonders Validate Him

The Trinity

He existed before creation. As the sent Son of God, he reflects the Sender.

Signs, wonders, and witnesses validate that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ.

Father, Son, and Spirit are united in their work of revelation and redemption.

Salvation

Eternal Life

Mission

Jesus' death is the basis of salvation, obtained through believing in the living Jesus as the Son of God.

Jesus is the giver of eternal life. Believers through the Spirit can experience some of salvation's benefits in the present age.

Believers are called to continue Jesus' mission.

#### The Gospel of John

#### **OPPORTUNITY**

Christ presents
Himself to:

- His disciples—1:19-2:12
- The Jews—2:13-3:36
- The Samaritans—4:1-54
- The Jewish leaders—5:1-47
- The multitudes—6:1-71

#### **OPPOSITION**

There is conflict with the Jewish leaders over:

- Moses—7:1-8:11
- Abraham—8:12-59
- Who Messiah is—9:1-10:42
- His miraculous power—11:1-12:36
- They would not believe on Him-12:37-50

#### **OUTCOME**

Christ's farewell message to His beloved disciples:

- The faith of the disciples—13-17
- The unbelief of the Jews—18-19
- The victory of Christ—20-21

#### An insight into Greek literary style

- A pericope (περικοπή = "a cutting-out") is a rhetorical device to organise a long passage or book into smaller bits to study.
- It is a set of verses that forms one coherent unit or thought.
- Pericopes define the amount of text you are going to study as a single unit. For example, may bibles have organized a chapter into sections with headings.

#### **Pericope**

- Pericopes set the amount of text you are going to study.
  - If you pick too little, you may be in danger of missing the overall context.
  - If you pick too much, it may be difficult to get your head around it all and you may miss something exciting and revelatory.
- You can use existing chapter or section breaks, but keep in mind that the chapters were added in the late middle ages and the headers by the publisher of your particular edition of the Bible. They are not "inspired."
- Look for transitional words like "immediately" or "the next day" to identify a pericope.
- Look for any literary structures the writer employs, like the menorah pattern.

#### Pericopes in the book of John

- 1. The Bible was written to be plainly understood.
- 2. Each Bible book has a systematic structure.
- 3. Pericopes provide a logical substructure for study.
- 4. The methodologies for literary structures are different for each researcher. So there are many sets of pericopes.
- 5. I've chosen one that works for me. It chunks the text into understandable bits that fit together structurally and clearly shows the concentric parallel patterns in the text.
- 6. The structures can be validated, including statistically.
- 7. The book of John can be divided into

pericopes!



#### pericopes of the book of John

1 The word became flesh (1:1-18)

2 The testimony of John the Baptist (1:19-28)

3 The lamb of God (1:29-34)

4 The first disciple of Jesus (1:35-42)

5 Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael (1:43-51)

6 The wedding at Cana (2:1-12)

7 Jesus cleanses the temple (2:13-25)

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11 One sows and another reaps (4:27-38)

12 Faith of Samaria (4:39-42)

13 Jesus returns to Galilee (4:43-45)

14 Healing the Official's Son (4:46-54)

15 Jesus heals on the Sabbath (5:1-18)

16 The authority of the son (5:19-30)

17 Witnesses to Jesus (5:31-47)

18 Feeding the five thousand (6:1-15)

19 Jesus walks on the water (6:16-21)

20 The bread from heaven (6:22-59)

21 The words of eternal life (6:60-71)

22 The unbelief of Jesus' brothers (7:1-9)

23 Jesus at the festival of booths (7:10-24)

24 ls this the Christ (7:25-36)

25 River of living water (7:37-44)

26 The unbelief of those in authority (7:45-53)

27 The woman caught in adultery (8:1-11)

28 Jesus the light of the world (8:12-20)

29 Jesus foretells his death (8:21-30)

30 Before Abraham was born, I am (8:31-59)

31 A man born blind receives sight (9:1-12)

32 The Pharisees investigate the healing (9:13-34)

33 Spiritual blindness (9:35-41)

34 The sheep, Shepherd, and sheep robbers (10:1-6)

35 Jesus' application of the parables (10:7-21)

36 Jesus is rejected by the Jews (10:22-39)

37 Across the Jordan (10:40-42)

38 The death of Lazarus (11:1-16)

39 Dialogs with Martha (11:17-27)

40 Dialogs with Mary (11:28-37)

41 Jesus raises Lazarus to life (11:38-44)

42 The plot to kill Jesus (11:45-57)

43 Mary anoints Jesus (12:1-8)

44 The plot to kill Lazarus (12:9-11)

45 Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (12:12-19)

46 Some Greeks wish to see Jesus (12:20-26)

47 Jesus speaks about his death (12:27-36a)

48 The unbelief of the people (12:36b-41)

49 The judgement by word of Jesus (12:42-50)

50 Jesus washes the disciples' feet (13:1-20)

51 Jesus foretells his betrayal (13:21-30)

52 The new commandment (13:31-35)

53 Jesus foretells Peter's denial (13:36-38)

54 Jesus the way to the father (14:1-14)

55 The promise of the holy spirit (14:15-24)

56 Do not let your hearts be troubled (14:25-31)

57 Jesus the true vine (15:1-10)

58 love one another (15:11-17)

59 The world's hatred (15:18-16:4a)

60 The work of the Spirit (16:4b-15)

61 Sorrow will turn into joy (16:16-33)

62 Jesus prays for his disciples (17:1-26)

63 The betrayal and arrest of Jesus (18:1-14)

64 Denial of Peter (18:15-18)

65 The Jewish Trial and Peter's Denial (18:19-24)

66 Denial of Peter again (18:25-27)

67 Jesus before Pilate (18:28-38b)

68 Jesus sentenced to death (18:38c-19:16a)

69 The crucifixion of Jesus (19:16b-22)

70 People with crucified Jesus (19:23-27)

71 The death of Jesus (19:28-30)

72 Jesus' side is pierced (19:31-37)

73 The burial of Jesus (19:38-42)

74 The resurrection of Jesus (20:1-10)

75 Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene (20:11-18)

76 Jesus appears to the disciple (20:19-23)

77 Jesus and Thomas (20:24-29)

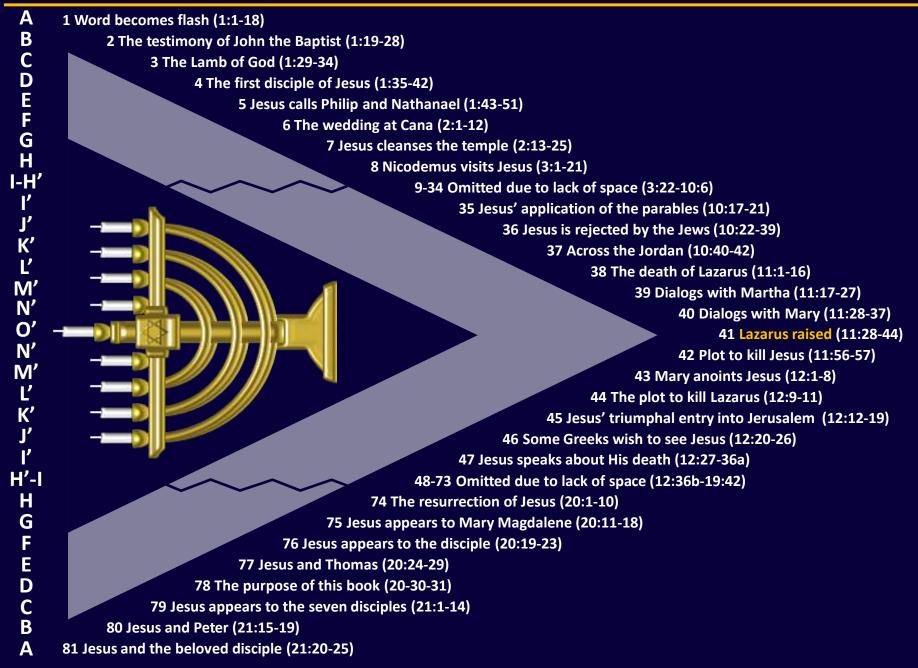
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79 Jesus appears to seven disciples (21:1-14)

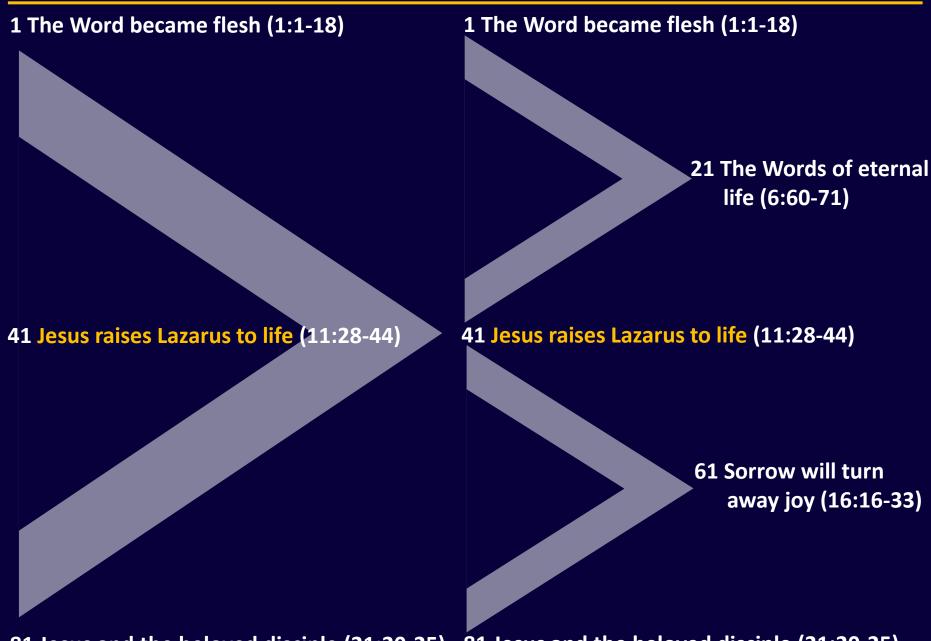
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81 Jesus and the beloved disciple (21:20-25)

#### Literary Structure of the Gospel of John



#### Literary Structure of the Gospel of John - 2-fold



#### Literary Structure of the Gospel of John – 3-fold

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#### Literary Structure of the Gospel of John - 5-fold

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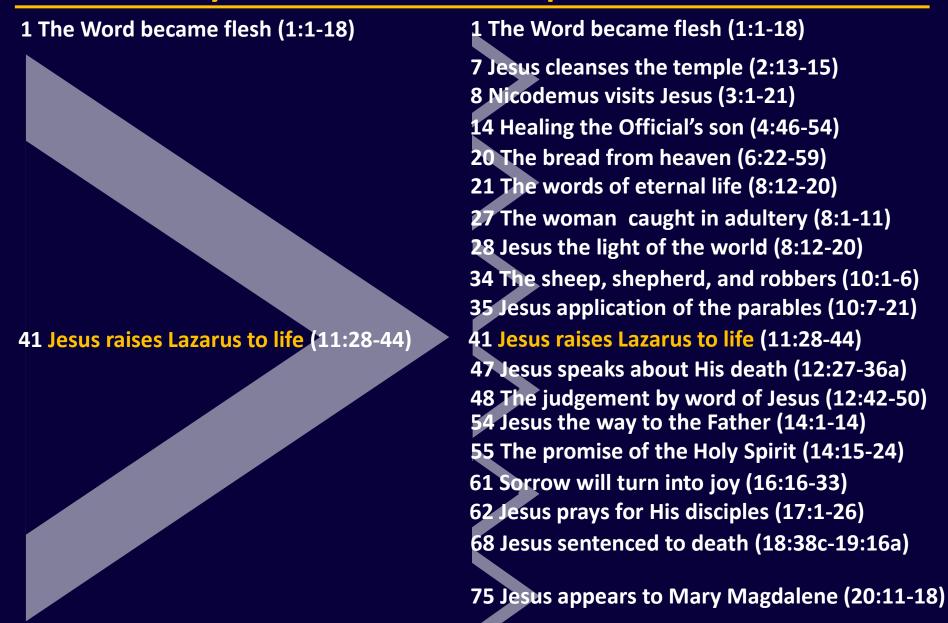
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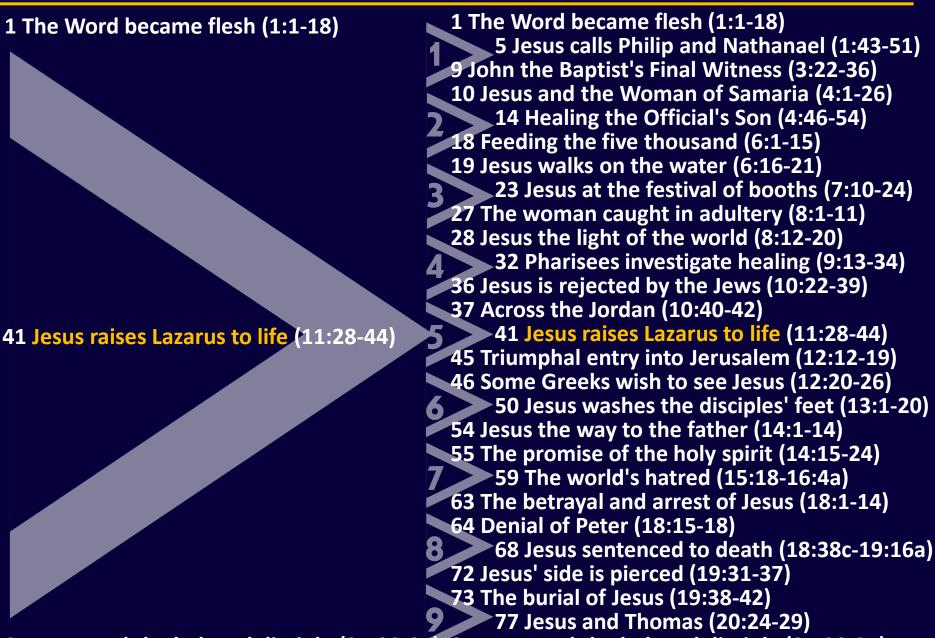
#### **Literary structure – 1st of 5-fold Chiasms**

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1. The word became flesh (1:1-18)
A
        2. The testimony of John the Baptist (1:19-28)
B
\mathbf{C}
         3. The lamb of God (1:29-34)
           4. The first disciple of Jesus (1:35-42)
D
             5. Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael (1:43-51)
E
F
               6. The wedding at Cana (2:1-12)
G
                7. Jesus cleanses the temple (2:13-25)
H
                  8. Nicodemus visits Jesus (3:1-21)
                   9. John the Baptist's Final Witness (3:22-36)
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E'
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          14. Healing the Official's Son (4:46-54)
D'
C'
         15. Jesus heals on the Sabbath (5:1-18)
B'
       16. The authority of the son (5:19-30)
A'
      17. Witnesses to Jesus (5:31-47)
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#### Literary Structure of the Gospel of John - 6-fold



#### Literary Structure of the Gospel of John - 9-fold



	Literary Structure – 1st of the 9-fold Chiasms		
A		The Word became flesh (1:1-18)	
B		The testimony of John the Baptist (1:19-28)	
C	A. The	<b>The lamb of God</b> (1:29-34)	
D	Father's Son (flesh	The first disciple of Jesus (1:35-42)	
E	C. A dove D. Beginning of	Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael (1:43-51)	
D'		The wedding at Cana (2:1-12)	
C'	evangelism E. The call	Jesus cleanses the Temple (2:13-25)	
B'		Nicodemus visits Jesus (3:1-21)	
A'		John the Baptist's final witness (3:22-26)	

### lst pericope of John



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. 1:1-2 B All things were made through him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 1:3  $\mathbf{C}$ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. 1:4-5 D There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 1:6-7 E He was not the light, but was sent to bear witness to the light. That was the true light which gives light to every man coming into the world. 1:8-9 F He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and His own did not receive him. 1:10-11 F' But as many as received him, to them He gave the right to become children of God: who were born, not of blood or the will of man, but of God. 1:12-13 E' And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. 1:14 D' John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 1:15 **C** 'He who comes after me is preferred before me because He was before me.' And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. 1"16 B' For the law was given through Moses; 1:17 but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. A' No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

1:18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God All things were made through him Creation through Jesus Christ God and His only Son Received from Him John the Baptist Into the world 1:10-11 Accepted John bore witness of Him 1:15 **C** And of His fullness we have all received. 1"16 В' grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. A' The only begotten Son, who is the bosom of the Father,

1:1-2 B 1:3 1:4-5 D 1:6-7 E 1:8-9 F

F' 1:12-13 **E**' 1:14

D'

1:17

1:18

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

He was not the light, but was sent to bear witness to the true light which was coming into the world.

The world did not know Him. Rejected His own did not receive him. But as many as received him, to them became children of God And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory



#### pericopes of the book of Revelation

1 Introduction (1:1-7)

2 A Vision of Christ (1:8-20)

3 The Message to Ephesus (2:1-7)

4 The Message to Smyrna (2:8-11)

5 The Message to Pergamum (2:12-17)

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