

# Gospel of John

- **Last Gospel written; most theologically developed; differs significantly from Matthew, Mark, and Luke**
- **Written by John son of Zebedee- one of Jesus' inner circle of 3 disciples; aka 'the beloved disciple'**
- **Structure:**
  - 1.1-18: Prologue
  - 1.19-11.57: Public ministry; focus on who Jesus is
  - 12.1-20.31: Passion; focus on what Jesus did
  - 21.1-25: Epilogue

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## - Purpose:

John 20.30-31: 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's Introduction of Jesus

- **Uses 2 metaphors-** Word and Light
  - **Metaphors paint picture of Jesus' identity and activity** - who Jesus is, what Jesus did, and results of His ministry
- **Uses 2 names-** Son of God and Jesus
  - **Names define Jesus relationally**
    - **Son** – 'name' in relationship to the Father, speaks to divinity
    - **Jesus** – name in relationship to earth, speaks to humanity; given to Him by Mary and Joseph
- **Word = Light = Son = Jesus**

# Identity- Jesus is God

- **John 1.1-3:** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.
- **Gen 1.1:** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

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- In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with the **Creator**, and the **Word** and the **Creator** were God. The **Word** was with the **Creator** in the beginning. Through the **Word** the **Creator** made all things; without the **Word** the **Creator** made nothing that has been made.
- In the beginning was **the Son Jesus**, and **the Son Jesus** was with **the Father**, and **the Son Jesus** and **the Father** were God. **The Son Jesus** was with **the Father** in the beginning. Through **the Son Jesus** the **Father** made all things; without **the Son Jesus** the **Father** made nothing that has been made.

# Activity – Jesus Opens Spiritual Eyes

- **John 1.4-5:** In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- In Jesus was spiritual life, and that spiritual life was illuminating all mankind. The Gospel of Jesus is spreading in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome the Gospel of Jesus.

# Activity – Jesus Opens Spiritual Eyes

- **John 1.9-13:** The True Light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that which was His own (*the Jews*), but His own (*many of the Jews*) did not receive Him. Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God (*God's children who born of the Spirit by accepting Jesus.*)

# Identity- Jesus is both God and Man



**Incarnation-** The Word (**The True Light**) became flesh and dwelled among us (**was coming into the world.**) We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and Only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth (**that gives light to everyone.**)