

Doctrinal Study of the Gospel of John  
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“Abiding” - Remaining in Christ	
1. Believers in Christ	<p>6.56 “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood <i>remains in me</i>, and I in him.”</p> <p>14.20 “I am in my Father, and <i>you are in me</i>, and I am in you.”</p> <p>15.5 “<i>If a man remains in me</i> and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”</p> <p>17.21 “that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. <i>May they also be in us</i>”</p>
2. Christ in the Believer	<p>6.56 “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, <i>and I in him.</i>”</p> <p>14.20 “I am in my Father, and you are in me, <i>and I am in you.</i>”</p> <p>15.5 “If a man remains in me <i>and I in him</i>, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”</p> <p>17.23 “<i>I in them</i> and you in me.”</p> <p>17.26 “I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that <i>I myself may be in them.</i>”</p>
3. Similarly, the Son abides in the Father	<p>10.38 “the Father is in me, and <i>I in the Father.</i>”</p> <p>14.10 “Don't you believe that <i>I am in the Father</i>, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.”</p> <p>14.11 “Believe me when I say that <i>I am in the Father</i> and the Father is in me”</p> <p>14.20 “<i>I am in my Father</i>, and you are in me, and I am in you.”</p> <p>17.21 “that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and <i>I am in you</i>. May they also be in us”</p>

<p>4. Also, the Father abides in the Son</p>	<p>10.38 “<i>the Father is in me</i>, and I in the Father.”</p> <p>14.10 “Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that <i>the Father is in me</i>? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.”</p> <p>14.11 “Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the <i>Father is in me</i>”</p> <p>17.21 “that all of them may be one, <i>Father, just as you are in me</i> and I am in you. May they also be in us”</p> <p>17.22,23 “that they may be one as we are one: I in them <i>and you in me.</i>”</p>
<p>5. Believers are in both Father and Son</p>	<p>17.21 “May <i>they also be in us</i> so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”</p>
<p>6. Both Father and Son abide in Believers</p>	<p>14.23 Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and <i>we will come to him and make our home with him.</i>”</p>
<p>Conclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Picture of Unbroken Fellowship for Believers with God in Christ.</li> <li>• We see no Loss of Identities (with God or man), no merging of personalities; man does not become divine, God does not become human.</li> <li>• Emphasis is on Personal and Ethical Fellowship with God.</li> <li>• Believer has not lost critical faculties through mystical ecstasy; he remains rational and morally responsible.</li> <li>• Parallel teaching of Paul; “in Christ.”</li> </ul>	

Abiding: a matter of Life and Death		
Truth	8.31 "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples."	5.37,38 "You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent."
Obedience	1 John 3.24 "Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us."	2 John 9 "Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God"
Light	12.46 "I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."	3. 20 "Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed."
Love	1 John 4.16 "Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him."	1 John 4.8 "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."
Ethical Consequences	1 John 2.10 "Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble."	1 John 2.11 "But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him."
Life	1 John 3.14a "We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers."	1 John 3.14b "Anyone who does not love remains in death."
15.9,10 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love."		

## Author: John the son of Zebedee?

adaptation of argument of Bishop B.F. Westcott, 1908

### 1. The author was a Jew

‘The words are Greek words but the spirit by which they live is Hebrew’

- Author’s Greek style has Aramaic peculiarities
- Vocabulary, Syntax, and Imagery reveal Hebrew influences

He Quotes from Old Testament to show Fulfillment of Prophecy

- 19.24 "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing." So this is what the soldiers did.
- 19.28 "Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."
- 19.36,37 "These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

Uses the Hebrew Bible, not just the Greek Septuagint

- 2.22 "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."

The Writer is Familiar with Jewish Customs

- 2.6 "Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing"
- 3.25 "An argument developed between some of John's disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of ceremonial washing."
- 7.14 "Not until halfway through the Feast did Jesus go up to the temple"
- 7.37 "On the last and greatest day of the Feast"
- 10.22 "Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem."
- 18.28 "to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover."
- 19.31 "Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down."
- 19.40-42 "This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there."

‘His special knowledge, his literary style, his religious faith all point to the same conclusion’

2. The author was a Palestinian Jew of the First Century

He is familiar with religious groups - Pharisees & High Priests (Sadducees)

- 1.24 “some Pharisees who had been sent”
- 3.1 “a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council”
- 12.42,43 “many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.”
- 18.3 “a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees”

He is familiar with the geography of Palestine

- 1.28 “This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.”
- 11.18 “Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem”
- 2.1 “On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee.”
- 3.23 “Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were constantly coming to be baptized.”
- 4.5,6 “So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there”
- 11.54 “he withdrew to a region near the desert, to a village called Ephraim”

He is familiar with the city of Jerusalem

- 5.2,3 “Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie--the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.”
- 9.7 “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means Sent)”
- 19.17 Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).

He is familiar with the Temple area before it was Destroyed in 70 AD.

- 8.20 “He spoke these words while teaching in the temple area near the place where the offerings were put”
- 10.23 “Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade”

<p><b>3. The author was an eyewitness</b></p>	<p>‘Such small details of people, time, place, and manner can only have come from an eyewitness’</p> <p>1.40,41 “Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was...”</p> <p>2.1-5 “Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."... His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."</p> <p>3.2 “man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night”</p> <p>8.9 “At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.”</p> <p>9.8,9 “His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man."</p> <p>10.19-21 “At these words the Jews were again divided. Many of them said, "He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?" But others said, "These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon."</p> <p>18.1,3 “When he finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, and he and his disciples went into it...(those who arrested Jesus) carried torches, lanterns and weapons”</p> <p>18.28 “Then the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning”</p> <p>19.8,9 “When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside”</p> <p>19.13 “When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha).”</p> <p>19.18-20 “Here they crucified him, and with him two others--one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.”</p> <p>19.29,30 “A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”</p>
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#### 4. The author was an Apostle

He was present with Jesus

2.12 “After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.”

3.22 “After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized.”

6.5 “When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?”

7.44 “Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.”

11.30,33,35,38 “Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him... When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled...Jesus wept...Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb”

11.54 “Therefore Jesus no longer moved about publicly among the Jews. Instead he withdrew to a region near the desert, to a village called Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples.”

13.4,5 “he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.”

13.30,31 “As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night. When he was gone, Jesus said...”

16.19 “Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant”

18.6,10 “When Jesus said, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground...Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)”

19.23 “When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.”

20.19 “On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.”

20.22 “And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”



<p>4. The author was an Apostle</p>	<p>He witnessed the feelings of the other disciples</p> <p>2.11 “He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.”</p> <p>2.22 “After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said.”</p> <p>4.27,28 “Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town”</p> <p>4.33 “his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?"</p> <p>6.19 “When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified.”</p> <p>6.61 “Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you?"</p> <p>11.11-16 Jesus: "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."</p> <p>12.22 “Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.”</p> <p>14.5,8,22 “Thomas said ...Philip said...Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said”</p> <p>16.17 “Some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more'”</p> <p>16.29 “disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech.”</p> <p>18.2 “Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples.”</p> <p>19.38-40 Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen.</p>
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#### 4. The author was an Apostle

20.1,2,10,11 “Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”...Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying.”

20.24-26 “Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.” A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them.”

21.12,13 “Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.”

21.17 “Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

<p>5. The author was the Apostle John</p>	<p><b>Author Identifies Himself as “The Beloved Disciple”</b></p> <p>21.20,24 “Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?")... This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true.”</p> <p><b>John of Zebedee was first a Disciple of John the Baptist</b></p> <p>1.35-39 “The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus... So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This gospel gives more details about John the Baptist than the Synoptics</li> <li>• The name ‘John’ in this Gospel usually refers to John the Baptist 1.6-8,15,19-34 3.23-30 5.33-36 10.40-42</li> </ul> <p><b>John of Zebedee, Peter, and James formed the “inner circle” of the Disciples</b></p> <p>13.22-25 “His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means.”</p> <p>18.15-16 “Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest...spoke to the girl on duty there and brought Peter in”</p> <p><b>Church History records that John of Zebedee cared for Mary, Jesus’ mother</b></p> <p>19.26,27 “When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home”</p> <p>19.35 “The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.”</p> <p>20.2-9 “(Mary) came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb..." So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.”</p> <p>21.7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"</p> <p>Peter is mentioned frequently, James was martyred (Acts 12.2); thus, only John of Zebedee can be the “Beloved Disciple” and the Author of this Gospel</p>
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<b>“Belief” (pisteuo) in the Gospel of John</b>									
Differences from Synoptics	<p>1) Word “faith” used more Generally:  Mark 5.36 "Don't be afraid; just believe."  Mark 9.23 "Everything is possible for him who believes."  Mark 11.22 "Have faith in God"</p> <p>2) Word ('pisteuo' in various forms) occurs many more times in John:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Matthew</td><td>11 times</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mark</td><td>10 times</td></tr> <tr> <td>Luke</td><td>9 times</td></tr> <tr> <td>John</td><td>95 times</td></tr> </table>	Matthew	11 times	Mark	10 times	Luke	9 times	John	95 times
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Object: Person of Jesus	<p>2.22 “they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.”</p> <p>4.50 “The man took Jesus at his word”</p> <p>5.24 “whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life”</p> <p>6.30 "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you?"</p> <p>8.31 “the Jews who had believed him”</p> <p>10.37 “Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does.”</p>								
“believe that” Jesus’ Messianic Mission	<p>6.69 “We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”</p> <p>8.24 “if you do not believe that I am [the one I claim to be], you will indeed die in your sins.”</p> <p>11.27 "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God”</p> <p>13.19 “you will believe that I am He.”</p> <p>16.30 “This makes us believe that you came from God.”</p> <p>17.8 “They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.”</p> <p>17.21 “May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”</p> <p>20.31 “believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God”</p>								

<p><b>“believe in”: Our Relationship with Him</b></p>	<p>1.12 “those who believed in his name”</p> <p>2.23 “many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing and believed in his name”</p> <p>3.16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”</p> <p>3.18 “Whoever believes in him is not condemned”</p>
<p><b>“receive”: Our Decision</b></p>	<p>1.12 “to all who received him, to those who believed in his name”</p> <p>13.20 “whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me.”</p> <p>17.8 “For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.”</p>
<p><b>Pauline Parallel: “baptism”</b></p>	<p>Romans 6.3 “all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death”</p> <p>Galatians 3.27 “all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ”</p>

Differences between the Synoptic Gospels and John's Gospel		
Literary Forms	<p><b>Parables</b></p> <p>Mark 4.11 Jesus to Disciples: "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables"</p>	<p><b>Long Speeches</b></p> <p>6.63 "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life." 6.68 Peter: "You have the words of eternal life."</p>
Vocabulary  - words often used in one and rarely used in the other	<p>Righteous, Power, Miracle, Mercy, Pity, Call, Repent, Parable, Pray</p>	<p>Eternal Life, Light, Darkness, Love, Truth, Genuine (alethinos), Know, Work, World, Judge, Abide, Send, Witness, Believe in</p>
Theological Themes	<p><b>Repentance</b></p> <p>Luke 13.5 "I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." (John uses neither the noun or verb form of the word 'repent.')</p> <p><b>Kingdom of God</b></p> <p>Matthew 9.35 "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness." ( 'Kingdom' used only three times in John: 3.3,5, 18.36)</p> <p><b>Eternal Life: <i>future expectation</i></b> Matthew 25. 46. "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."</p>	<p><b>Light</b></p> <p>12.35,36 Jesus: "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light."</p> <p><b>Life</b></p> <p>10.10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."</p> <p><b>Eternal Life: <i>present possession</i></b> 3.36 "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."</p>

Focus on Jesus	<p><b>Brings the Kingdom</b>  Luke 17.20,21 "Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."</p>	<p><b>Is the Kingdom</b>  14. 6. Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."    (None of the seven "I AM" statements of John occur in the Synoptics.)</p>
Eschatology	<p><b>Future Kingdom</b>  Matthew 26.29 "I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom."</p>	<p><b>Present Kingdom</b>  18.36 Jesus: "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."</p>
Structure	<p><b>This Age / Age to Come</b>  Mark 10.29,30 Jesus: "No one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in <i>this present age</i> (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields--and with them, persecutions) and in the <i>age to come</i>, eternal life.</p>	<p><b>Below /Above</b>  8.23 Jesus: "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world."    <b>Light /Darkness</b>  1.5 "The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it."</p>



## John's Dualism

"John's view of salvation is both vertical and horizontal. The vertical expresses the uniqueness of the divine intervention in Jesus; the horizontal aspect establishes a relationship between this intervention and salvation history" - R.E. Brown

<p><b>Above and Below</b></p>	<p>3.13 "No one has ever gone up into heaven except the one who came down from heaven--the Son of Man."</p> <p>6.38 "For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me."</p> <p>8.23 Jesus: "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world."</p> <p>18.36 Jesus: "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from the world above."</p> <p>20.17 Jesus: "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"</p>
<p><b>Light and Darkness</b></p>	<p>1.5 "The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it."</p> <p>3.19-21 "This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."</p> <p>8.12 Jesus: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."</p> <p>9.4,5 "As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."</p> <p>11.9,10 Jesus: "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? A man who walks by day will not stumble, for he sees by this world's light. It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has no light."</p> <p>12.35,36 Jesus: "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light."</p> <p>12.46 "I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."</p>

<p>Flesh and Spirit</p>	<p>“Flesh is not sinful, it represents the weakness and impotence of humanity. It cannot reach beyond the lower realm to the world above.” – G.E. Ladd</p> <p>3.6 “Flesh gives birth to flesh”</p> <p>3.12 “I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?”</p> <p>6.63 “The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.”</p> <p>“The Spirit raises men above the earthly level, the level of flesh, and enables them to worship God properly” – R.E. Brown: 4.24 “God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”</p> <p>God embraces our utter human weakness: 1.14 “The Word became flesh” In Jesus flesh joins with Spirit \ the Word from above inhabits the world below</p>
<p><i>Kosmos:</i> Created, Fallen, and Loved by God</p>	<p>John uses the word ‘kosmos’ to describe entire creation: 11.9 “this world's light” 16.21 “joy that a child is born into the world” / 17.5 “before the world began” (see also – 6.14, 9.39, 11.27, 13.1, 16.28, 18.37, 17.24, 21.25)</p> <p>‘Kosmos’ can also refer to the inhabitants of the world; humanity in general: 12.19 “the whole world has gone after him!” (7.4, 14.22, 18.20)</p> <p>‘Kosmos’ is the home of sinful, rebellious, and alienated humanity – 1.10 “He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.”</p> <p>7.7 “The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that what it does is evil.”</p> <p>15.18,19 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.”</p> <p>17.25 "Righteous Father the world does not know you”</p> <p>18.20 Jesus: "I have spoken openly to the world"</p> <p>1 John 2.15-17 “Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.”</p>

<p><i>Kosmos:</i> Created, Fallen, and Loved by God</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">‘Kosmos’ is the object of God’s love and salvation –</p> <p>1.29 John the Baptist: "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"</p> <p>3.16,17 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."</p> <p>4.42 Samaritans to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."</p> <p>6.33 "For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."</p> <p>16.33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."</p> <p><b>Disciples are Chosen from out of World to be God’s Messengers to the World</b></p> <p>13.1 "Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love."</p> <p>14.17 "the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."</p> <p>17.6 "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word."</p> <p>17.11 "I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world"</p> <p>17.14-16 "I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it."</p> <p>17.17-19 "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified."</p> <p>17.20-21 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me"</p>
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<p>God and Satan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Our God is Sovereign in His Good World</b></p> <p>1.3 “Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.”</p> <p>5.17 Jesus: "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working."</p> <p>18.37 Jesus: "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."</p> <p><b>The Fallen World Below – and those who belong there - are Ruled by Satan</b></p> <p>1 John 5.19 “the whole world is under the control of the evil one.”</p> <p>8.42,44,45 Jesus: “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here... You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!”</p> <p>6.70,71 Jesus: "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!" (He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)</p> <p>13.2,27 “the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus... As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.”</p> <p>1 John 3.10 “This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.”</p> <p><b>Jesus defeated Satan by the Cross: Releasing Chosen Captives from his Rule</b></p> <p>12.31,32 “Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself”</p> <p>14.30,31 “the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.”</p> <p>16.11 “the prince of this world now stands condemned.”</p> <p>1 John 3.8 “He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.”</p>
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Life and Death	<p>Death is an ordinary fact of human existence:</p> <p>4.47 “he begged (Jesus) to come and heal his son, who was close to death”</p> <p>11.11,14 Jesus: "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep...Lazarus is dead"</p> <p>Life from Above has come into this World of Death</p> <p>1.4 “In him was life, and that life was the light of men.”</p> <p>5.26 “For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.”</p> <p>Jesus – who is Life – Grants us Life through His Death and Resurrection</p> <p>15.13 “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”</p> <p>12.32,33 “But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.”</p> <p>11.25,26 Jesus: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”</p> <p>11.4 Jesus: "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."</p> <p>8.51 “I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”</p> <p>5.21 “For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.”</p> <p>5.24-29 Jesus: "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.  25. I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.  26. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.  27. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.  28. "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice  29. and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.</p> <p>3.36 “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.”</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Sin and Freedom</p>	<p><b>Sinful Acts</b> 8.7 "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone"</p> <p>5.14 "Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."</p> <p>19.11 Jesus to Pilate: "the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."</p> <p>1 John 1.10 "If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives."</p> <p><b>Sinful Nature</b> 15.22 "they have no excuse for their sin"</p> <p>16.8,9 "When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin...because men do not believe in me"</p> <p>1 John 1.8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.</p> <p><b>Sinful Addiction</b> 8.34 Jesus: "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.</p> <p>1 John 3.6 "No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him."</p> <p><b>Sin and Death</b> 1 John 5.16,17 "If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that. All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death."</p> <p>5.25 "I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live."</p> <p><b>Sinless Savior</b> 8.46 "Can any of you prove me guilty of sin?"</p> <p>1 John 3.5 "he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin."</p> <p><b>Sinner's Substitute</b> 1.29 "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"</p> <p>1 John 2.1,2 "If anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."</p> <p><b>Sinner's Release</b> 8.11 "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared.</p> <p>8.32,36 "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free... So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."</p> <p>1 John 1.9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."</p>
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<p><b>Sin and Freedom</b></p>	<p><b>Believer's Freedom</b> 8.11 "Go now and leave your life of sin."</p> <p>20.23."If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."</p> <p>1 John 3.9 "No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God."</p> <p>1 John 5.18 "We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him."</p>
<p><b>Unbelief and Belief</b></p>	<p><b>Unbelief is rooted in hatred for God</b> - 3.19,20 "This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed."</p> <p><b>Belief is possible because of God's Love</b> – 3.16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."</p> <p><b>Belief results in God's Love</b> – 16.27 "The Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God."</p> <p><b>Unbelief in Christ leads to Death</b> - 8.24 Jesus: "I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am [the one I claim to be], you will indeed die in your sins."</p> <p><b>Belief leads to Life</b> – 11.25,26 "He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."</p> <p><b>Persistent unbelief is Unforgivable</b> - 1 John 5.16 "If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that."</p> <p><b>Belief leads to Eternal Life</b> – 5.24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."</p>

## John's Eschatology

Synoptics	Gospel of John
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Kingdom' is a central theme.</li> <li>• 'Olivet Discourse' (Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21)</li> <li>• Emphasizes 'This Age / Age to Come' (Mark 10.30)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The word 'Kingdom' is used only three times. Instead, John emphasizes the present experience of 'eternal life.'</li> <li>• 'Upper Room Discourse' (chapters 13-17)</li> <li>• Emphasizes 'Above and Below' (John 8.23)</li> </ul>
Resurrection	<p><b>'Now' – Present Experience of Eternal Life</b></p> <p>5.24,25 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live."</p> <p>3.18 "Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."</p> <p><b>'Not Yet' – Future Consummation of Salvation</b></p> <p>5.28,29 "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned."</p> <p>6.39 "And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day."</p> <p>6.44 "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day."</p> <p>6.54 "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."</p> <p>11.25,26 "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."</p>



<p><b>Glorified Body of Risen Jesus</b></p>	<p><b>'Concealed':</b> 20.14 (Mary) “saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.”</p> <p><b>Physical:</b> 20.17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me"</p> <p><b>Recognizable:</b> 21.12 “None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.”</p> <p><b>Boundless:</b> 20.26 “Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them”</p> <p><b>Wounded:</b> 20.27 Jesus to Thomas: "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side.”</p> <p><b>Glorious:</b> 17.24 "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.”</p>
<p><b>Return of Christ</b></p>	<p><b>By His Spirit –</b></p> <p>16.16. "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."</p> <p>14.16-19 “I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me.”</p> <p><b>Bodily Return (Parousia) -</b></p> <p>14.3 “I will come back and take you to be with me”</p> <p>21.22 “until I return”</p> <p>1 John 3.2 “Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.”</p> <p>Revelation 22.20 “He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.”</p>

<p><b>Judgment</b></p>	<p>Present – “he has crossed over from death to life”</p> <p>3.18,19 “Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.”</p> <p>5.24,25 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.”</p> <p>12.31-33 “Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.”</p> <p>Future - “all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out”</p> <p>5.28,29 "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.”</p> <p>12.48 “There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day.”</p>
<p><b>Jesus the Judge</b></p>	<p>He Came to Save – focus of His First Coming</p> <p>3.17 “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”</p> <p>8.15 “You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one.”</p> <p>12.47 "As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it.”</p> <p>He Will Judge – focus of His Second Coming</p> <p>9.39 Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world”</p> <p>5.22,27 “The Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son... he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.”</p> <p>5.30 By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just”</p>



Eternal Life in John	
Synoptic Gospels	<p>Life of the 'Age to Come' – Mk 10.30 "in the age to come, eternal life"</p> <p>Mark 10.17 "Good teacher what must I do to inherit eternal life?"</p> <p>Matthew 25.46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."</p>
Age to Come	<p>3.36 "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."</p> <p>5.39 "You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life."</p> <p>6.27 "Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you."</p> <p>12.25 "The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."</p> <p>14.2,3 "I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."</p>
Present Experience of Future Life	<p>Jesus came that we might now experience God's future blessings</p> <p>10.10 "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."</p> <p>6.33 "For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."</p> <p>6.63 "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life."</p> <p>This blessing of life comes from the person of Jesus – it is in Him</p> <p>5.26 "For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself."</p> <p>3.15 "everyone who believes in him may have eternal life"</p> <p>6.51 "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh"</p> <p>14.6 Jesus: "I am the way and the truth and the life."</p> <p>4.14 "the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."</p>

<p>Present Experience of Future Life</p>	<p><b>Jesus is both Life and Resurrection</b>  6.40,54 “everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day... Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”</p> <p>11.25,26 "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”</p> <p><b>Two-stages of Resurrection, both through the Son – 5.21,30</b>  <b>Spiritual:</b> 5.25 “A time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.”</p> <p><b>Physical:</b> 5.28,29 “A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.”</p>
<p><b>Nature of Eternal Life: ‘Knowledge of God’</b></p> <p>17.3 “Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”</p>	<p><b>‘Knowledge’ in the Old Testament: Experience and Relationship</b></p> <p>Psalms 1.6 “The LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.”</p> <p>Amos 3.1,2 The word the LORD: “O people of Israel... "You only have I known (chosen) of all the families of the earth”</p> <p>Isaiah 1.3 “The ox knows his master, the donkey his owner's manger, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand.”</p> <p>Psalms 138.6 “Though the LORD is on high, he looks upon the lowly, but the proud he knows from afar.”</p> <p>Jeremiah 31.34 “No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD.”</p>
<p><b>‘Knowledge’ in John: Experiential Personal Relationship</b></p>	<p>10.14,15 “I know my sheep and my sheep know me-- just as the Father knows me and I know the Father”</p> <p><b>Unknown by World</b> 8.55 Jesus: “Though you do not know him, I know him”</p> <p>1.10 “He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.”</p> <p>16.3 “They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me.”</p> <p>17.25 "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.”</p>

<p>'Knowledge' in John: Experiential Personal Relationship</p>	<p>Believers enter into this Knowledge of God</p> <p>14.7 Jesus: "If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well."</p> <p>17.8 "For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me."</p> <p>Believer's Mission is to invite the World to Know God</p> <p>17.23 "May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."</p> <p>10.38 "even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father."</p> <p>8.28 "Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am [the one I claim to be] and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me."</p>
<p>'Knowledge of God' leads to 'Vision of God'</p>	<p>14.7 "If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him"</p> <p>1.18 "No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known"</p> <p>1.14 "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."</p> <p>6.40 "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."</p> <p>9.37 Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."</p> <p>12.44,45 Jesus cried out, "When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me."</p> <p>14.9 "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."</p> <p>14.19 "Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me."</p> <p>16.16 "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."</p>



Faith in John > Responses to Faithful Witnesses	
John the Baptist	1.7,34 "He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe... I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."
Jesus' Words	3.11 "I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony."
Jesus' Works	5.36 "I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the very work that the Father has given me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me."
the Father	5.37 "the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me."
the Scriptures	5.39 "These are the Scriptures that testify about me"
Moses	5.46 "If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me."
other people	4.39 "Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony"
the Holy Spirit	15.26 "the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me."
the Disciples	15.27 "And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning."
John the Apostle	19.35 "The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe."



## Glory in John's Gospel

Differences from Synoptics	<p>Synoptics: One Moment of Glory &gt; Mount of Transfiguration (Mt 17, Mk 9, Lk 9 - event not recorded in John)</p> <p>John: Entire Ministry of Jesus is Glorious</p> <p>1.14 "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only"</p>
Defined Greek - "doxa" Hebrew "kabod"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Powerful manifestation visible presence of invisible God</li> <li>• Revelation evoking praise and honor</li> <li>• Eschatological sign of the King and His Kingdom</li> </ul>
Linked with Faith	<p>2.11 "He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him."</p> <p>11.40 "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"</p>
Glory on The Cross	<p>12.23,24 "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds...Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."</p> <p>13.31 "When he (Judas) was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once."</p> <p>21.19 "Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God</p>
Risen in Glory	<p>7.39 "Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified."</p> <p>17.4 "I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began."</p>
John's Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John writes decades after Jesus' earthly ministry</li> <li>• Glory was veiled as Jesus was on the earth in humiliation</li> <li>• From the perspective of His Ascension and Heavenly Session, John looks back to see His glory, especially in His humiliation.</li> </ul> <p>12.16 "At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him."</p>

The Holy Spirit in John	
Old Testament Teaching	<p>The Holy Spirit is the Source of All Life</p> <p>Genesis 1.2 “the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters”</p> <p>Genesis 2.7 “The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”</p> <p>Job 33.4 “The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life</p> <p>The Holy Spirit Anoints Leaders</p> <p>Judges: 3.10; 6.34; 11.29; 13.25; 14.6</p> <p>Builders / Workers: Exodus 31.2-4; 35.31; 1 Kings 7.14; 2 Chronicles 2.14</p> <p>Prophets: Numbers 24.2; 1 Samuel 19.20; 2 Kings 2.15; Nehemiah 9.30</p> <p>Kings: 1 Samuel 10.10; 1 Samuel 16.13; Psalm 51.11</p> <p>This anointing was not always a sign of goodness: Judges 14.6, 16.20; 1 Samuel 16.14; 2 Peter 2.15; Revelation 2.14</p> <p>The Holy Spirit Gives Salvation to the Old Covenant Believer</p> <p>2 Corinthians 4.13 “It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak.”</p> <p>Galatians 4.28,29 “Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. At that time the son born in the ordinary way persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now.”</p>
Synoptic Gospels	<p>Jesus is the Spirit-filled Servant who fulfills Messianic Promises</p> <p>Birth: Matthew 1.18 “she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit”</p> <p>Anticipation: Mark 1.8 “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”</p> <p>Baptism: Luke 3.22 “the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove”</p> <p>Temptation: Luke 4.1,14 “Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert... Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit”</p>

<p><b>Synoptic Gospels</b></p>	<p><b>Miracles:</b> Matthew 12.28 “But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”</p> <p><b>Teaching:</b> Luke 4.18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.”</p> <p><b>Protection:</b> Luke 12.11,12 "When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."</p> <p><b>Promise:</b> Luke 11.13 “If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"</p> <p><b>Power of Jesus Ministry:</b> Matthew 12.32 (Acts 10.38) “Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.”</p>
<p><b>Spirit filled Son of God</b></p>	<p>1.32-34 “Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."</p> <p>3.34,35 “For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Giving of the Spirit to Jesus is a “sign” given to John the Baptist</li> <li>• Jesus performs ministry as Divine Son who is Spirit-empowered, see 1 Corinthians 15.45, 2 Corinthians 3.17,18, Ephesians 4.7,8</li> </ul>
<p><b>Jesus gives the Spirit</b></p>	<p>7.37-39 “On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.”</p> <p>15.26 "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth”</p> <p>20.21,22 Jesus: "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.”</p>

<p><b>The Spirit gives New Life</b></p>	<p>3.5,6 Jesus: "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit."</p> <p>The Spirit comes from 'above' – from God - to begin a New Age.</p> <p>4.23,24 "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."</p> <p>6.53,54,63 Jesus: "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day... The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life."</p>
<p><b>The Paraclete</b></p>	<p>Meanings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Comforter' – Old English (14<sup>th</sup> C) meaning 'to make strong' or 'to fortify'</li> <li>• Prosecuting Attorney – 16.8 "he will convict the world of guilt"</li> <li>• Defense Attorney 1 Jn 2.1 "one who speaks to the Father in our defense"</li> <li>• Teacher 14.26 "the Holy Spirit...will teach you all things"</li> </ul> <p>Jesus Himself 14.16 "another Counselor" – 'one just like me'</p> <p>14.18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." - by the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Holy Spirit 14.26 "the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name"</p>
<p><b>The Spirit continues the Ministry of Jesus</b></p>	<p>Jesus has Come: 18.37 "for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth"</p> <p>Spirit will Come: 16.8 "When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt"</p> <p>Jesus came from Father: 16.28 "I came from the Father and entered the world"</p> <p>Spirit came from Father: 14.26 "Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send"</p> <p>Father gave Son: 3.16 "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son"</p> <p>Father sends Spirit at Jesus' Request: 16.15 "All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you."</p> <p>Father sent Jesus: 3.17 "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn"</p> <p>Father sends Spirit: 15.26 "Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father"</p>

<p><b>The Spirit continues the Ministry of Jesus</b></p>	<p>Jesus came in Father's Name: 5.43 "I have come in my Father's name"  Spirit comes in Jesus Name: 16.14 "He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you."</p> <p>Jesus is Truth: John 14.6 Jesus: "I am the way and the truth and the life."  Spirit of Truth: 15.26 "the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father"</p> <p>Jesus is Holy One: 6.69 "We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God  Spirit is Holy: 14.26 "the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name"</p> <p>Jesus Leaves: 14.19 "Before long, the world will not see me anymore"  Spirit Remains: 14.16 "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever"</p> <p>Jesus Returns in Spirit: 14.18,19 I will come to you...the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me."  Jesus will Return in Body: 14.3 "I will come back and take you to be with me"</p>
<p><b>The Spirit and the Disciples</b></p>	<p>Conversion: 3.5 "No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit."</p> <p>Continuous Filling: 7.38 "streams of living water will flow from within him."</p> <p>Conquest: 14.12 "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater* things than these, because I am going to the Father."</p> <p>* 'greater' Quantity (time, distance, people, extent) not Quality (Jesus work)</p> <p>Companion: 14.18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."</p> <p>Confidence: 14.26 "the Holy Spirit...will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."</p> <p>Comfort: 14.27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you."</p> <p>Conscience: 16.8 "When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt"</p> <p>Commission: 20.21,22 Risen Jesus: "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."</p>

Human Responsibility Just basis of God's Condemnation	Predestination Gracious basis of God's Salvation
3.19,20 "This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed."	6.44 "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day."
18.37 "Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."	8.47 He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."
8.44 "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."	6.37 "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away."
9.39-41 Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains."	6.65 "No one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him."
5.44 "How can you believe if you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God?"	15.16 "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name."
Conclusions: - Both human responsibility and divine predestination are taught by Jesus in John. - There is no effort to reconcile these truths; they were not contradictory to Jesus. - Man is held guilty for his moral failure; God is sovereign in His electing choice.	

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jesus’ “I AM” Claims</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adapted from “Basic Introduction to the New Testament” by John Stott</p>	
<p><b>Begins New Order</b></p> <p>“I am He” 4.26</p>	<p><b>Signs:</b></p> <p>Turning Water into Wine – 2.1-11: Contrasts the ‘emptiness’ of Jewish rituals with abundance of New Covenant gospel grace</p> <p>Cleansing the Temple – 2.12-16: Corrupted religious rituals will be replaced with Gentiles who will give sincere praise to God.</p> <p>Samaritan Woman left Water Jar – 4.28 – Those who drink Jesus’ living water will ‘never thirst again’ 4.1-15</p> <p><b>Teaching:</b> Nicodemus must be ‘born again’ – 3.1-15</p>
<p><b>Gives New Life</b></p> <p>“I am the Life”</p> <p>11.25, 14.6</p>	<p><b>Signs:</b> Health of Body symbolizes life of the Soul</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Healing of Nobleman’s Son – 4.46-54 Healing of Cripple at Pool of Bethesda – 5.1-9</p> <p><b>Teaching:</b> The ‘Now but Not yet’ – 1 John 3.2, 5.22-29, 3.16-21 God’s Judgment begins now and will be manifest to all in Future</p>
<p><b>Satisfies the Soul</b></p> <p>“I am the Bread of Life”</p> <p>6.35,48,51</p>	<p><b>Sign:</b> Feeding of 5000 – 6.1-15 (only miracle recorded by all four evangelists)</p> <p><b>Teaching:</b> Jesus is Spiritual Bread that Truly Satisfies – 6.25-65 Augustine said “Believe and you have eaten” – compare 6.47,54</p>
<p><b>Reveals God</b></p> <p>“I am the Light of the World”</p> <p>8.12, 9.5</p>	<p><b>Signs:</b> Healing of the Man born Blind – chapter 9</p> <p>Dramatic Appearances in Temple for Feast of Tabernacles – ch. 7 7.2-9 - Unbelieving brothers encouraged Jesus to go early and ‘be seen’ 7.10-15 – Jesus’ arrival evokes strong responses 7.37-39 Jesus invites those who thirst (fulfills Ezekiel 40-47)</p> <p><b>Teachings:</b> His Works and Words prove He is the Christ 7.16-36, 7.40-52</p> <p>Those who know God must walk in His light – 5.14, 8.12, 9.35-39</p>

<p><b>Forgives Sin</b></p> <p>“I am the Good Shepherd” 10.11,14;</p> <p>“I am the Door” 10.7,9;</p> <p>“I am the Way” 14.6</p>	<p><b>Sign:</b> Flow of Blood and Water from His pierced side 19.34,35</p> <p><b>Teachings:</b></p> <p>Son of Man lifted up, those who look to Him live 3.14,15</p> <p>Good Shepherd gives life that sheep may live 10.10-18</p> <p>One man dies for all God’s children 11.49-52</p> <p>Grain of wheat falls into ground and dies, and bears fruit 12.23-33</p>
<p><b>Overcomes Death</b></p> <p>“I am the Resurrection” 11.25</p>	<p><b>Signs:</b> Raising of Lazarus – chapter 11</p> <p>Resurrection of Jesus – chapter 20</p> <p><b>Teachings:</b> Believe and Live 11.25-27</p> <p>Believe by Faith 20.29</p>



John's Important Words		
	Occurrences in other Scripture	Occurrences in John
Jesus	Paul – 213 (Romans – 37) Matthew – 150 Luke – 89, Mark - 81	237
Amen	Matthew – 31 Mark – 13, Luke – 6	50
Witness (noun and verb forms)	Matthew – 1 Mark – 3, Luke - 2	47
Sign	Matthew – 8 Mark – 4, Luke – 7	17
Works (sometimes translated 'miracle')	Matthew – 5 Mark - 2 , Luke - 2	27
Father	Matthew – 64 Mark – 18, Luke – 56	137
Send (2 similar Greek words, 'apostelo' & 'pempto')	Matthew – 26 Mark – 21, Luke – 35	60
'Paraclete' (A Greek word which is difficult to translate – Helper, Advocate, Counselor, Lawyer)	Rest of Bible - 0	5 (4 in Gospel, 1 in 1 John)
Life (noun and verb)	Romans – 14 Matthew – 7	83 (Gospel – 53, Letters – 13, Revelation – 17)
Believe (‘pisteuo’ in various forms)	Matthew - 11 Mark – 10, Luke - 9	98
Sin	Romans – 48 Hebrews - 25 Matthew – 10	34 (Gospel -17, 1 John – 17)
World	1 Corinthians – 21 Matthew – 10	101 (Gospel – 78, 1 John – 23)
Judge, Judgment	Acts – 22, Matthew – 18	30

Source: “New Testament Theology” by Leon Morris

## Titles of Jesus in John 1 – from Eternity to Eternity

Title	Meaning	Related texts in John	Old Testament Origins
<b>The Word</b>  v. 1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”	Pre-Existence	1.14 “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.”	Genesis 1.3 “God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.”
	Almighty  Eternal  Creator  Revealer  Incarnation	1.18 “No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.”  5.17,18 Jesus: "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working." ... he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.”  5.26 “For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.”  8.58 "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"  17.5 “Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.”  20.28 Thomas: "My Lord and my God!"  1 John 1.1 “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.  Rev 19.13 “and his name is the Word of God.”	Psalm 29.4 “The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.”  Psalm 33.6 “By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.”  Psalm 56.10 “In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise”  Psalm 119.120 “I stand in awe of your laws.”  Isaiah 2.3 “The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.”  Isaiah 55.10-11 “As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”  Jeremiah 23.29 Genesis 27.33

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<b>The Light</b>  v. 4 “In him was life, and that life was the light of men.”	Truth  Purity  Holiness  Reveals  Conceals	1.5 “The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.”  1.9 “The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.”  3.19 “Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.”  8.12 "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  12.35 "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going."  12.46 “I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.”	Exodus 13.21 “By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light”  Exodus 25.31 "Make a lampstand of pure gold”  Psalm 27.1 “The LORD is my light and my salvation”  Psalm 36.9  Psalm 104.1,2 “O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty. He wraps himself in light as with a garment”  Isaiah 42.6 "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles”

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<p><b>Lamb of God</b></p> <p>v. 29 "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"</p>	<p>Sacrifice</p> <p>Substitute</p> <p>Atonement</p> <p>Conqueror</p>	<p>1.36 "Look, the Lamb of God!"</p> <p>1 John 2.2 "He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."</p> <p>1 John 3.5 "he appeared so that he might take away our sins."</p> <p>1 John 4.10 "he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins"</p> <p>Revelation 6.5 "When the Lamb opened the third seal..."</p> <p>Revelation 21.27 "only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life"</p>	<p>Genesis 22.7,8 Isaac said, "where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son."</p> <p>Exodus 12.3 "Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family"</p> <p>Isaiah 53.7 "he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth"</p>

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<b>Son of God</b>  v. 34 "I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."	Divine  Unique  Exclusive  Eternal Son  Beloved	3.16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."  3.35 "The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands."  5.20 "For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does."  10.30,33 Jesus: "I and the Father are one."...(the Jews replied)"you, a mere man, claim to be God."  10.36 "Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'?"  15.9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you."  17.25 "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you"  20.17 "I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."  20.31 "these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God"  1 John 5.20 "We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true"	Psalm 2.7 "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."  Psalms 72.1 "Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness."  Proverbs 30. 4. Who has gone up to heaven and come down? Who has gathered up the wind in the hollow of his hands? Who has wrapped up the waters in his cloak? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and the name of his son?"  Hosea 11.1 "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son."

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<b>Rabbi</b>  v. 38 “They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"	Teacher  Truth  Wisdom	3.2 "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."  3.26 "Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan--the one you testified about--well, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him."  4.31 his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something."  14.26 “the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you”	Deuteronomy 18.18 “I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him”  Psalm 51.6 “Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.”  Proverbs 8.12. "I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion.”  Jeremiah 31.34 “No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD.”

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<p><b>Messiah</b></p> <p>v. 41 "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ)."</p>	<p>Anointed One</p> <p>Eschatological King</p>	<p>1.45 "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."</p> <p>4.25,26 The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."</p> <p>7.26,27 "Have the authorities really concluded that he is the Christ? But we know where this man is from; when the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from."</p> <p>11.27 "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."</p> <p>12.34 "We have heard from the Law that the Christ will remain forever"</p> <p>12.41 "Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke of Him"</p> <p>20.31 "these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ"</p>	<p>Psalms 86.2 "Guard my life, for I am devoted to you. You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you."</p> <p>Psalms 89.3 "You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one"</p> <p>Isaiah 42.1 "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations."</p> <p>Isaiah 53.11 "After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities."</p> <p>Isaiah 61.1 "The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me"</p> <p>Zechariah 3.8 "Listen, O high priest Joshua and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch."</p> <p>Malachi 3.1 "Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty."</p>

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<b>King of Israel</b>  v. 49 "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."	Son of David  Sovereign	<p>6.14,15 "After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew"</p> <p>18.36,37 Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."</p> <p>19.3 "Hail, king of the Jews!"</p> <p>19.19 Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.</p>	<p>Genesis 14.18 "Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High"</p> <p>2 Samuel 7.16 "Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."</p> <p>Psalms 2.6 "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."</p> <p>Psalms 10.16 "The LORD is King for ever and ever; the nations will perish from his land."</p> <p>Psalms 24.9,10 "Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty-- he is the King of glory"</p> <p>Ezekiel 37.24 "My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd"</p> <p>Zechariah 9.9 "Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."</p> <p>Malachi 1.14 "For I am a great king," says the LORD Almighty, "and my name is to be feared among the nations."</p>



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<p><b>Son of Man</b></p> <p>v. 51 "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."</p>	<p>Apocalyptic Glory</p> <p>Universal King</p> <p>Final Judge</p>	<p>3.13,14 "No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven--the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up"</p> <p>5.27 "And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man."</p> <p>6.62 "What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!"</p> <p>6.53 "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."</p> <p>12.23 "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.'</p> <p>13.31 "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him."</p>	<p>Numbers 23.19 "God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind."</p> <p>Psalms 8.4 "what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?"</p> <p>Psalms 80.17 "Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself."</p> <p>Ezekiel 3.17. "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel"</p> <p>Daniel 7.13,14 "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."</p>

John's Doctrine of Scripture	
Author	5.37,38 "And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have ever heard his voice nor seen his form, nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent."
Human Instruments	1.17 "For the law was given through Moses"
Devotion	8.31 "Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.'"
Topic	1.45 "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote--Jesus of Nazareth"  5.39 Jesus: "These are the Scriptures that testify about me"
Comprehensiveness	Law: 5.46 "If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me.  Prophets: 12.38-41 "This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: 'Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?'... as Isaiah says elsewhere: 'He has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts'... Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him."  Gospels: 14.25,26 "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you  Epistles: 16.12-14 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you."
Response	5.39,40 "You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life."
Result	8.32 "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."  17.17 "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

## Signs in John's Gospel

Differences from Synoptic Gospels	<p>1. Synoptic miracles "acts of power"(dynamis -word not used in John)</p> <p>2. Purpose of miracles in Synoptics: Demonstrate entrance of Kingdom of God into History Matthew 12.28 "if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."</p> <p>3. No "driving out demons" in Gospel of John</p>														
Works (erga) of Jesus	<p>5.20 "For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these."</p> <p>9.3 "that the work of God might be displayed"</p> <p>10.32 "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father."</p> <p>14.10 "it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work."</p>														
The Work (ergon) of Jesus	<p>4.34 "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."</p> <p>17.4 "I brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do"</p>														
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The Sign	<p>6.40 "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."</p> <p>1.18 "No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known."</p> <p>14.9 "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."</p>														
John's Purpose	<p>King Jesus has come to establish His rule over evil in all the earth:</p> <p>3.2 "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him"</p> <p>12.31 "Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."</p>														



Signs and Faith in John	
Signs can Lead to Faith	<p>2.11 “This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana... He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.”</p> <p>2.23 “many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing and believed in his name”</p> <p>6.14 After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."</p> <p>7.31 “many in the crowd put their faith in him. They said, "When the Christ comes, will he do more miraculous signs than this man?"</p>
Signs can Hinder Faith	<p>4.48 "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."</p> <p>6.30,36 "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?... you have seen me and still you do not believe.”</p> <p>11.47,48 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. "What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many miraculous signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him”</p> <p>12.37 “Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him.”</p>
Weakness of “Sign Faith”	<p>2.23,24 “many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing and believed in his name. But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men.”</p> <p>3.2,3 Nicodemus: "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.</p> <p>6.2,15 “a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick...Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew”</p>

Weakness of “Sign Faith”	6.51,52,66 “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”...From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.”
Faith Required:  To Responsive > Sign strengthens Existing Faith  To Rebellious > Sign hardens and confirms Unbelief	15.24 ‘If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both me and my Father.’  2 Corinthians 2.15,16 “For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life.”
Greatest Blessing	20.29 Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."
Our Message Today	SPOKEN: 17.20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message"  WRITTEN: 20.31 “these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

The Theology of John	
Nature and Attributes of God	1.1-2, 14-18; 3.16; 4.24; 5.19-23; 6.45-46; 8.16-19; 10.27-30,34-38; 12.27-28, 49-50; 13.3; 14.6-10; 16.5-15, 27-28; 17.11; 20.20-22
Humanity: Fallen and Redeemed	2.24-25; 3.3-8, 19-21, 36; 5.40; 6.35, 53-57; 7.37-39; 8.12, 31-47; 10.27-29; 11.25-26; 14.17; 15.1-8, 18-25; 16.3,8; 17.2-3, 6-9; 20.22,31
Work of Christ	1.29, 51; 2.19; 3.14, 34; 4.22, 42; 5.25, 28; 6.33, 40, 44, 51, 53, 62; 10.9, 11, 15; 12.24, 32; 13.8; 14.3, 18; 16.33; 17.2; 18.14, 36; 20.1 – 21.14
Person and Work of the Holy Spirit	1.13, 32; 3.5; 4.24; 6.63; 7.39; 14.16, 26; 15.26; 16.7-15; 19.34; 20.22
Church and its Mission	4.35; 13.31-16.33; 17.20-23; 20.19-23; 21.1-14, 15-25
Life of the New World	3.15, 36; 4.14; 5.24; 6.27, 37, 39, 47, 51, 58; 8.24, 51; 10.28; 11.25; 12.25; 14.2
Person of Christ	1.1, 14, 18, 49; 2.11, 19; 3.13, 18, 31, 34; 5.17, 22, 26, 28; 6.20, 27, 33, 35, 38, 45, 54, 69; 7.28; 8.12, 16, 23, 28, 42, 55, 58; 9.5; 10.7, 11, 14, 18, 30, 38; 11.4, 25, 27, 44; 12.41, 44; 13.3, 19, 31; 14.1, 6, 9, 14; 16.7, 15, 23, 28; 17.5, 10, 24, 26; 18.5; 20.1-21, 25, 20.28
Deity of Christ	1.14, 4.6; 6.42; 5.17, 18; 8.6; 10.30-33; 11.33, 35, 38; 12.27; 19.5, 30, 31-42; 20.28

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