

IN THE BEGINNING... John 1:1-18

INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF JOHN

God's purpose for our lives through a study of the book of John:
BELIEF!

- The key verse to understanding the book of John is John 20:31

“But these are written so that you may believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and by believing you may have life in His name.”

- The word believe is used **98** times in this book!

AN OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF JOHN

- I. In the **IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD** (1:1-18)
- II. In the **crowds** (1:18-12:50)

7 signs

1. Water to wine: 2:1-11
2. Healing nobleman's son: 4:46-54
3. Healing man at Bethesda: 5:1-18
4. Feeding the 5,000: 6:1-14
5. Walking on water: 6:15-21
6. Healing the blind man: 9:1-41
7. Raising of Lazarus: 11:1-57

7 I am's

1. I am the bread of life: 6:35
2. I am the light of the world (8:12)
3. I am the gate (10:9)
4. I am the good shepherd (10:11)
5. I am the resurrection and life (11:25)

6. I am the way, the truth and the life (14:6)
7. I am the true vine (15:1)

7 People

1. John the Baptist
2. Nicodemus
3. Samaritan Woman
4. Official and son
5. Man at Bethesda
6. Man born Blind
7. Lazarus (Mary and Martha)

III. In the **UPPERROOM**: Jesus' private ministry.
(Chapters 13-17)

IV. In the **Darkness**: Jesus' arrest, death and burial
(Chapters 18-19)

V. Out of **the tomb!** :Jesus' resurrection (Chapters 20-21)

John Emphasizes Jesus' personal appearances:
To Mary Magdalene: tell my disciples
To Thomas: touch my hands
To Simon Peter: feed my sheep

JOHN 1:1-18

HOW TO APPLY SCRIPTURE

1st ask: What did it mean to the original hearers?

The “word” to the Greeks meant the “mind of God.”

2nd ask: What is the underlying timeless principle?

Read this as if you're reading it for the first time... it is answering the question: **Who or what is the WORD of God??**

3rd ask: Where or how could I practice that principle?

I. THE TRUTH WE CAN TRUST IS...
JESUS IS GOD

A. What that truth means to the world: He is the creator

VERSE 1

“In the beginning”

Before the world was... the word was

“Was God”

Perfect humanity wrapped around undiminished deity.

B. What that truth means to the believer: Jesus is Lord

II. THE TRUTH WE CAN TRUST IS
JESUS IS LIFE

A. To the world that truth means... Jesus is the light of the world

VERSE 4-13

4 responses to the light:

- John gave witness to the light
- The world did not recognize the light
- His own did not receive the light
- Those who received the light become children of God.

B. For the believer this truth means: GOD IS MY FATHER

III. THE TRUTH WE CAN TRUST IS...
JESUS BECAME FLESH

A. To the world that truth means... We beheld His glory

VERSE 14

“And DWELT among us. Dwelt means TENTED.”

1 John 1 says that anyone who says that Jesus has not come in the flesh is the antichrist... that is how important this is.

VERSES 16-17

B. To the believer that truth means: He is full of grace and truth

“*Grace is what God does within you without you.*” Steadman

The law is DEMAND and grace is SUPPLY

“Grace upon Grace...”
means a daily supply of His grace for us.

VERSE 18

Jesus explained God!

The Greek word here is “exegeted”.

He has declared Him... He has “*led Him out into the open.*”