



The Gospel According to John Introduction and 1:1-3

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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Author: The Apostle John, the son of Zebedee

Date: 80-90 A.D., but possibly as early as 50's-60's A.D.

Location: Tradition places the writing of the gospel in Ephesus.

Purpose:

To show that Jesus is both the Messiah and Son of God by concentrating on seven selected messianic signs.

To communicate that the Christian faith is for both Jews and Gentiles alike. The Savior is for all people.

To equip believers to share the good news.

Themes:

1. Jesus as the preexistent, incarnate Word, fully divine and fully human—the crucified and risen Savior.
2. The Jewish rejection of Jesus the Messiah.
3. The call to follow Jesus in a community of faith and dependence on the Holy Spirit.

The Seven Signs:

Miracle 1, **Water Into Wine** (John 2:1-11)

Miracle 2, **Healing the Official's Son** (John 4:43-54).

Miracle 3, **The Healing at the Pool of Bethesda** (John 5:1-9)

Miracle 4, **The Feeding of the 5000** (John 6:1-5).

Miracle 5, **Walking on the Water** (John 6:16-25).

Miracle 6, **Healing The Man Born Blind** (John 9:1-41).

Miracle 7, **Raising Lazarus From The Dead** (John 11:1-44).

John 1:1-3 ESV

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Jesus is the Eternal Word. (vv. 1-2)

Jesus is the Creative Word. (v.3)