

John 1:1-18 "The Gospel of John, Part 1"

↳ Matthew, Mark, and Luke are known as the synoptic Gospels, as they look alike. The Gospel of John looks almost nothing like the other 3.

- ✓ Who wrote it?
 - ✓ The Fourth Gospel might provide us with clues concealed in the figure of the "beloved disciple" or "the one whom Jesus loves."
 - ✓ This title occurs in five passages:
 1. John 13:23: "One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him."
 2. John 19:26: "When Jesus saw his mother there and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, 'Woman, here is your son.'"
 3. John 20:2: "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!'"
 4. John 21:7: "Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!'"
 5. John 20:20: "Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them."
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↳ There are several external resources that point us to John the Apostle as the author.

- ✓ Why was it written?
 - ✓ John provided the answer to this question in John 20:30-31.

He wrote: "Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name."
 - ✓ The faith necessary for salvation during Jesus' ministry was to believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
 - ✓ To whom did John write? He wrote to Jews. His gospel was written to prove to Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. The information he provided was that they might "believe that Jesus was the Christ, and that believing you might have life in His name."
 - ✓ There are significant events in the ministry of Jesus that Matthew, Mark, and Luke all include yet, John leaves out, including:
 - Jesus' birth.
 - Jesus' baptism.
 - Jesus' temptation in the wilderness.
 - Confrontations with demons.
 - Jesus' teaching is in parables.
 - The Last Supper.
 - The agony in Gethsemane.
 - The Ascension.
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