



Authorship

Why does John not mention himself by name?

- ❖ Humility after being a proud young man.
- ❖ To exalt Jesus.
- ❖ To not take advantage of his intimate relationship.

There was reclining on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. (13:23NASB)

The Uniqueness of Johns Writing Style

A Climactic Style
The Word (1:1)

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Miracles and Teachings of Christ

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My Lord and My God (20:28)

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 A Jerusalem Setting

The Purpose of John

1. Primarily for non-Christians who were investigating Christianity.
2. Also for Christians to supplement the existing information about Jesus' ministry, death and resurrection.

❖ What is the content to believe? Jesus is Messiah and deity.

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have **life** in his name. (Jn 20:30-31)

❖ What is the act of believing? (1:12ESV) Receiving or Appropriating Jesus.

*But to all who did **receive** him, who **believed** in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

❖ Why are unsaved people blinded and cannot see the Word of God? *And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. ²⁰ All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed.*

²¹ *But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants.* (Jn 3:19-21NLT)

❖ **How do we know what God is like?** *No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us. (Jn 1:18NLT)*

❖ **We get life from the Word - Jesus!** *The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. (Jn 1:4NLT)*

❖ **How can we obtain eternal life?** ³⁶ *He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him. (Jn 3:36)*

7 Fold Witness of Christ's Deity

➤ **The Testimony of Jesus Christ** (5:17-18NLT) ¹⁷ *But Jesus replied, "My Father is always working, and so am I."¹⁸ So the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill him. For he not only broke the Sabbath, he called God his Father, thereby making himself equal with God.*

➤ **The Testimony of the Father** (5:37NLT) ³⁷ *And the Father who sent me has testified about me himself. You have never heard his voice or seen him face to face,*

➤ **The Testimony of the Holy Spirit** (15:26NLT) ²⁶ *"But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me.*

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➤ **The Testimony of the Miracles** (10:37-38NLT) ³⁷ *Don't believe me unless I carry out my Father's work. ³⁸ But if I do his work, believe in the evidence of the miraculous works I have done, even if you don't believe me. Then you will know and understand that the Father is in me, and I am in the Father.*

➤ **The Testimony of Moses** (5:46NLT) ⁴⁶ *If you really believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me. ⁴⁷ But since you don't believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?"*

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➤ **The Testimony of John the Baptist** (1:32-34NLT)

³² *Then John testified, "I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him. ³³ I didn't know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, "The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit."³⁴ I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God."*

➤ **The Testimony of the Disciples** (15:27) ²⁷ *And you must also testify about me because you have been with me from the beginning of my ministry.*

8 Key Words and the 2 Key Words

Father – (*ho pater*) A main thrust of Christ's message was to reveal the Father.

Witness – (*marturia*) This word speaks chiefly of a testimony to the character and significance of Christ. A part of Jewish law declares, "On the evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed." (Deut. 19:15)

1. Witness of the Father (5:32-37)
2. Witness of the Son (3:11; 8:14-18, 18:37)
3. Witness of the Holy Spirit (15:26; 16:13-14)
4. Witness of the Scriptures (1:45; 5:39-46)
5. Witness of the works of Jesus (5:17, 36; 10:25)
6. Witness of the Baptist (1:7-8; 5:33-37)
7. Witness of the disciples (15:27; 19:35; 21:24)
8. **Witness of Changed Lives** (4:39; 9:25, 38)

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Knowing – (*ginosko* 57) and (*oida* 48) The emphasis by John is on the omniscience of Christ when using these words. Knowing is more than cognitive. Knowing is closely related to faith in John's gospel. Believing and knowing are interrelated. When people believe they know they have eternal life. To know and understand a Biblical fact leads to an act which amounts to faith.

Truth – (*alethes* and *alethinous*) Truth in John is the highest revelation for God, for it is God Himself. Jesus is the truth who reveals perfectly the Father who has been hidden. Believing in Jesus Christ is coming to the truth.

I AM – He is identifying Himself as Jehovah of the OT the self-existent one.

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Sign – 5 plural Greek words are used in the NT to describe miracles. (*terata* wonders) (*erga* works) (*thaumasia* wonderful things) (*dunameis* powers) (*semeia* signs) Points out the spiritual significance of the 8 miracles in the gospel. These signs were one way Jesus “*manifested His glory*” (2:11).

The 8 signs of Jesus

- ✓ Turning water into wine (2:1-11) He is over creation
- ✓ Healing of the nobleman’s son (4:46-54) He is over space
- ✓ Healing of a lame man (5:1-9) He is over time
- ✓ Feeding the 5,000 (6:1-14) He is over food
- ✓ Jesus walking on the water (6:15-21) He is over natural laws
- ✓ Healing of a blind man (9:1-12) He is over physical laws
- ✓ Raising Lazarus from the dead (11:1-44) He is over death
- ✓ Miraculous catch of fish (21:1-11) He is over all

The Key Word

Believe – (*pisteuo*) Is the most significant word in the gospel. This word is often accompanied by the preposition *eis* (in, into) and it always has an object. Jesus Christ.

Although the word repentance is absent from this gospel, it is certainly implied as part of believing, because John includes obeying as part of believing; that is, he pictures believing as drinking (4:14), as eating (6:35, 51), or walking (8:12). Hence, when a person believes in Christ, they are in the process of repenting.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16NKJV)

The Other Key Word

Life – *Psuche* It is very close to the Hebrew concept of *kardia* (heart). Translated heart and even mind at times. *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.* (Jn 10:11ESV)

Zoe – The existence of life as opposed to death.

Bios – John always ties it to spiritual life because it is accompanied by *aiwnios* (eternal). This is also an attribute of God. Eternal life is nothing short of the life in God. *And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.* (Jn 17:3 ESV)

The Character and Relationship of the Four Gospels

- ❖ Matthew – Christ, the Messiah, Son of David, King of the Jews and Promised Heir.
- ❖ Mark – Christ, the Servant of Jehovah, powerful worker for God.
- ❖ Luke – Christ, the perfect man, His compassionate humility.
- ❖ John – Christ, the son of God, the heavenly eternal son made flesh.

The Character and Relationship of the Four Gospels

4 Pictures of 1 Supreme Person

- ✓ Matthew “The King” (Isaiah 11:1)
- ✓ Mark “The Servant” (Zechariah 3:8)
- ✓ Luke “The Man” (Zechariah 6:12)
- ✓ John “Your God” (Isaiah 4:2)

The Character and Relationship of the Four Gospels

Key Words

- Matthew “King or Kingdom” (2:2)
- Mark “Immediately or Straightway” (1:12)
- Luke “Son of Man” (19:10)
- John “Believe and Life” (20:31)

✓Have you put your trust in Him? Are you a child of God? You can KNOW you are a child of God! *I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God **that you may know that you have eternal life.*** (1 Jn 5:13) *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever **believes** in Him should not perish but have **everlasting life.*** (Jn 3:16)

✓Is your life, believer, in Him daily? If not...by faith...

1. Confess Sins (1 John 1:9)
2. Surrender your Life (Romans 12:1-2)
3. Die to Self (Galatians 2:20)
4. Be Controlled by the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)
5. Bear Fruit (John 15:16)

