

The Gospel according to John

Who?

When?

Why?

Chapter 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 Gospel according to John

How does it fit with the other Gospels? (Synoptic)

How is it different?

How accurate is the timeline?

John's favourite words

- **Life – 36 x**
- **Witness/Testimony (same word) – 14 x**
- **Testify – 33 x**
- **World – 78 x (many meanings, eg. universe, earth, most people, people or systems opposed to God)**
- **Truth**
- **Light**
- **Signs – used instead of the word Miracle (because of his intention to demonstrate that Jesus showed Himself to be the Son of God)**

Prologue – Ch 1.1-14 “The Word”

Both Greek and Jewish references

Word = thought, the person

Jesus is God’s breath, His Word, His Thought,
His Being. Therefore “The Word was God”

In the Beginning = Creation

Jesus the Word is Creator, life-giver,
so He was God

John the Baptist and the launch of Jesus' Ministry Ch 1.6-51

- 1. John the Baptist vv6-28**
- 2. The Testimony of John the Baptist 29-34**
- 3. Two of John's disciples follow Jesus, Andrew tells
Simon (ie Peter) 35-42**
- 4. Jesus calls more disciples 42-51**

John the Baptist and the launch of Jesus' Ministry Ch 1.6-51 – 7 references

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| 1. Jesus = Lamb of God (vv 29, 36) | Sacrifice |
| 2. Jesus = Son of God (vv 34, 49) | God |
| 3. Jesus = Rabbi (vv 38, 49) | Teacher |
| 4. Jesus = Messiah (v 41) | The Messiah |
| 5. Jesus = Jesus of Nazareth (v 45) | This Jesus! |
| 6. Jesus = King of Israel (v 49) | King over all |
| 7. Jesus = Son of Man (v 51) | Fully human |

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John is saying that:

The fully human Jesus of Nazareth is the Messianic King and Teacher of Israel and the Son of God who will die like the sacrificial lamb for the sins of the world.

John's Patterns and emphasis: 7's

7 descriptions of Jesus (Chapter 1, already mentioned)

7 signs (miracles)

Water into wine 2.1-11

Healing the official's son in Capernaum 4.46-54

Healing lame man at Bethesda pool 5.1-9

Feeding 5000 6.5-13;

Man born blind (clay on eyes) 9.1-7

Raising Lazarus from the dead 11.1-44

Large haul of fish (after the resurrection)

John's Patterns and emphasis: 7's

7 "I am the" statements:

I am the bread of life 6.48

I am the light of the world 8.12

I am the gate 10.7

I am the good shepherd 10.11 & 14

I am the resurrection and the life

I am the way, the truth and the life 14.6

I am the vine 15.5

John's Patterns and emphasis: 5



Jesus' public ministry

- Chapters 2 to 11

Chapters 2 & 3:

2.1-11 The Wedding at Cana (ref Isaiah 25.6-9)

2:12-3:36 The First Visit to Jerusalem and Judea

a. Cleansing the temple

b. Meeting with Nicodemus

c. John the baptist points to Jesus

Jesus' public ministry

- Chapters 2 to 11

Chapter 4:

**4.1-42 Jesus in Samaria – the woman at the well,
Jesus is the water of Life**

(we worship not in a place, but in Spirit and in truth vv21-24)

(Jesus says he is the Messiah vv25,26)

**4.43-54 Jesus in Cana – healing of royal official's
son in Capernaum**

Jesus' public ministry

- Chapters 2 to 11

Chapter 5:

Jesus in Jerusalem

Jesus heals the lame man on the Sabbath vv1-15

Jesus teaches "The Jews" about himself and the Father vv16-47

Jesus' public ministry

- Chapters 2 to 11

Chapter 6:

Jesus in Galilee again, with large crowds

Feeding the 5,000 1-15

Jesus walks on the water 16-24

Jesus teaches about the Bread of Life 25-40

Jesus argues with "The Jews" again 41-59

**Jesus teaches the disciples, but many leave,
but Peter makes his declaration 60-71**

Jesus' public ministry

- Chapters 2 to 11

Chapter 7:

Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles

Jesus waits to leave the safety of Galilee, and stays quiet for some days 1-13

Jesus teaches with a mixed reaction – avoids seizure and arrest 14-44

The Pharisees argue over Jesus 45-53

Jesus' public ministry

- Chapters 2 to 11

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Chapter 8, 1-11:

The woman caught in adultery

(These verses do not appear in the oldest
and most reliable texts)

Jesus' public ministry

- Chapters 2 to 11

Chapter 8 continued:

Jesus argues with the Pharisees again, in the Temple area:

- a. Light of the World, validity of Jesus' testimony 12-20
- b. Jesus speaks of His death 21-30
- c. Arguments over being children of Abraham
– Jesus says "I Am" 31-59

Jesus' public ministry

- Chapters 2 to 11

Chapter 9:

The man born blind – on the Sabbath

Chapter 10:

a. Itinerant teaching on the Good Shepherd and the Gate 1-21

b. In Jerusalem at Hanukkah, Jesus teaches more on the sheep, more arguments with "The Jews" 22-42

Jesus' public ministry

- Chapters 2 to 11

Chapter 11:

The Raising of Lazarus 1-44

The Sanhedrin plot to kill Jesus 45-57

Jesus in Bethany and Jerusalem for the Passover - Chapters 12 to 17

Chapter 12:

Mary washes Jesus' feet with perfume 1-12

The triumphal entry into Jerusalem 13-19

**Greeks ask to speak with Jesus – and He
predicts his death again 20-36**

**John reflects on the unbelief of the majority,
and quotes Jesus on their judgement 37-50**

Jesus in Bethany and Jerusalem for the Passover - Chapters 12 to 17

Chapter 13

**Jesus washes the disciples' feet (Passover or the
night before?) 1-17**

**Jesus predicts his betrayal and Peter's denial
18-38**

Jesus in Bethany and Jerusalem for the Passover - Chapters 12 to 17

Jesus Teaches

Chapter 14:

On the Father and the Holy Spirit

Chapter 15:

**The Vine, and the hate of the World for His
people (in Gethsemane?)**

Chapter 16:

More on the Holy Spirit, and Him leaving them

Jesus in Bethany and Jerusalem for the Passover - Chapters 12 to 17

Chapter 17:

**Jesus prays for Himself, the Disciples,
and all believers**

The Arrest and Crucifixion Ch. 18, 19

Chapter 18

The betrayal, arrest and trials of Jesus

a. Betrayal and arrest, taken to Annas 1-14

b. Questioning by Annas; Peter denies Jesus,
who is then passed to Caiaphas 15-27

c. Jesus before Pilate 18.28-19.16

The Arrest and Crucifixion Ch. 18,19

Chapter 19:

More on trial by Pilate 1-16

The crucifixion 16-37

Jesus is buried 38-42

The Resurrection and Jesus' appearances Chapters 20, 21

Chapter 20:

The empty tomb discovered by Peter, John and Mary Magdalene 1-9

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene 10-18

Jesus appears to the disciples 19-23

Jesus shows himself to Thomas 24-31

The Resurrection and Jesus' appearances Chapters 20, 21

Chapter 21:

Sea of Tiberias (Galilee), catch of fish 1-14

Jesus restores Peter, and speaks of John 15-23

Conclusion Ch 21 v.24, 25

So... was the fully human Jesus of Nazareth the Messianic King and Teacher of Israel and the Son of God who died like the sacrificial lamb for the sins of the world?

“This is the disciple who testifies”

“We know that his testimony is true”

“Jesus did many other things as well”