

- Easy, simple, powerful of the four Gospels
- Topical not chronological (7 miracles and 7 I Am statements)
- Written from Ephesus AD 85-90
 - John Son of Zebedee, Brother of James, one of John the Baptist disciples
 - Eyewitness to most of the events he records
 - John's objective for people to know Jesus is the revelation of God
 - Three key words in the book of John

Three key words:

- **Signs (Miracles)**

- **Believe** (key word in this gospel has 98 forms)

- **Life:** God gives to the believer when he trusts Christ & receives salvation

Eternal Word (1-2): Christ is God, therefore has always Everlasting Father

Creative Word (3/10): World, universe, you and I made by Him and nothing made without Him

Life Giving Word (1:4): Origin of life is within Him the fountain/source of life. Gen 2:7 created breath of life

Illuminating Word (4): Christ is the **true Light, which lights the way** for every man, sadly not all receive/follow it *Ps 119:105 John 8:12 | John 1:7*

Rejected Word (10-12): Not everyone believed on Jesus

Regenerating Word 12-13): Gives salvation, eternal life to those who believe on Him. Not only created - but Redeemed ! *Gal 3:13 Ps 19:14 O Rev 5:9*

Incarnate Word (14): Christ is God in the Flesh, the God-Man..Word

Revealing Word (18): Christ, the only begotten of the Father = full revelation of God for all to see. *Heb 4:12 John 1:1*

How does this apply to my life?

Glory of: His Deity: Only begotten of the Father

Grace: mercy, kindness, truth, sacrifice and love

Truth: Truth not falsehood:

Preeminence: Pre existed, Creator

Revelation: Man seen the manifestation of God

Experience of beholding **the Glory of God's** only begotten Son!

- **Transformed** John and others who saw Him

- By **grace of God** it is possible for us to behold His glory

How did they behold His Glory?

Heard through eyewitnesses // *Peter 1:16-18*

Heard, saw, and handled // *John 1-4 & John 5:11-13*

Through their gospels letters, inspired writings we can "Behold His glory" through a transformed life

- **Transformation of true disciple** // *Rom 12:1-2*

- Most of disciples were fisherman one a tax collector:

- **Gradual transformation as we behold His Glory** // *Cor 3:18*

-**Renewing of the mind** // *Rom 12:2 Col 3:1-2 Matthew 19*

- **Renew with attitudes that coincide with God's attitudes:**

Behold His Glory When he returns In his Glory:

-**With Glorified Saints**

- **Everyone sees His glory** // *Rev 1:7.*

-**Every knee will bow** // *Phil 2:9-11*

- **Glorified Together:** // *Th 1:10*

How does this apply to my life?

John the Baptist/ is baptizing people in Bethabara (or Bethany) beyond the Jordan.

John 1:19-34

Testimony of himself , Who he is not: John 1:19-20 & Acts 3:22-26

Many were anticipating Elijah's return

-Who is he?

-Who he is not?

John was the one foretold by Isaiah 40:1-3, Luke 1:16-17; 2:76-79 Stated what he Was (Do we?)

- Our role:

- To Honor or be honored?

- Announce His coming, point people to Him

Johns Testimony About Jesus: John 1:19-28

The One coming is preferred, superior, He is above all Eph 1:22-23

- John before Him and Him before John: Col 1:16-18

-He must increase and I must decrease

John focuses on Jesus and gives the first Testimony of the Lamb

Jn 1:29, Ti 3:5, Rev 1:5, 5:9 and Rom 5:1

- **Never hesitate to testify of Him**

Jesus would later describe the testimony of John: Jn 5:33 & 35, Jn 3:36; He 5:9; Mk 16:16

-What was Johns testimony?

-What can we learn from it?

How does this apply to my life?

John 2:1-12

- John's purpose for writing his gospel:
- Miracles are and show:
- First Disciples:
- Two miracles occur in today's passage:

Third Day: (vs 1)

- John 's journal
- Mother of Jesus (Her most *honorable title*)
- Change in relationship between Mary and Jesus

Jesus Goes To Wedding

- Jesus invited to the wedding
- Do not marry without Him
- To have Christ in a marriage you must invite Him in

Wine runs out and Mary's Request and Rebuke (vs.3-5)

-Mary advises Jesus they need wine

- Mary in potentially embarrassing situation
- Jesus rebukes Mary

Understanding the Rebuke

- David son, Mary's son, God's Son, yet David and Mary's LORD
- Change in relationship

"My hour has not yet come." God's timetable...

- A "secondary miracle's

- Not yet time to be revealed
- *First miracle: Water to Wine (2:8)*

Impact: Then - Today

- Jesus going up to the Temple
- Temple is important physically and spiritually
- Prophecy of Messiah fulfilled Malachi 3:1/3

Passover: Matthew 15 & 16

- How "Passover" has changed:
- God commands nullified or replaced with tradition
- Prior to Passover every Jewish household meticulously cleaned
- Temple was cluttered, dirty, smelly place
- No one concern about condition or appearance of House of God
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Sacrifices:

- Without spot or blemish and inspected by the Priest
- Vendors selling animals in Temple
- Estimated 256,500 animal sacrifices each Passover

Anger of the Lord & Fulfillment of a prophecy Ps 69:9

- Angry side of Jesus
- Driving man and beast out
- How would you respond if you seen something wrong in the House of God (Church)?
- Jesus had a "Zeal" for His Father's House, do we have that Zeal ?

Zeal For Fathers House

- Zeal moved Jesus to action
- Remember the Church is our Fathers House *I Tim 3:15 & Eph 3:10-11*
- Are you a prophet? Do you have a sign for us?

Temple II Cor 6:16 I Cor 3:16 I Cor 6:19 Eph 2:21

- Physical building: is not the "House of God" but has been set aside for Holy Service
- Actual Temple today: God's People (your bodies are the Temple)
- Need to maintain it care for it prevent corruption

Through The Book of John Pt. 3 John 3

02/7/10

Nicodemus was three things:

1. **A man:**
2. **Pharisee:**
3. **Ruler of the Jews:**

By Night (Walking in darkness):

- Mankind walking in darkness Ish 9:2 & I John 1:6
- **Why by night?**
- Personal Shame:
- His/Jesus' "busy work schedule":
- Fear, Respect or Privacy

"We Know":

- Believed Jesus was sent from God (Ready for spiritual truths)
- When ready to hear a spiritual truth, how can they hear? *Rom 10:12-13*

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vs 14 Serpent in the Wilderness (Num 21 & John 12:32/34)

Jesus speaks of Moses

- Bitten by serpent Look -Believe - Live
- Jesus lifted up on cross Look unto Him Believe and live
- Serpent representative of God's judgment on sin
- Salvation is not obtained by human merit or keeping religious laws but by God's grace and kindness Eph 2:9

vs 16-18 Bibles

Golden text & Gospel in a nut shell

Purpose

Condemned non believers

- God sacrificed His one and only Son to provide salvation to all

17/18

Salvation is provided by God's love through His Son for any/all who WILL BELIEVE

16: LOVE: Act or Will John 1:12 Romans 10:9

- This is the highest/noblest love possible

19-21 Look at the words Hebrews 9:27 Mark 8:36-37

Perish -Condemn-Condemned-Condemnation-Reproved

- Christ is clearly saying if something is not done, then judgment is ahead

Lover of world Acts 2:36-38

-Haters of the light

- Some do come to the light

Unanswerable Question:

Basic outline is based on the poem Gospel In Miniature /Perfect Gift

-Heart of the Bible/Gospel In Miniature/See at sporting events

- God's love, God plan and our response

GOD: the greatest Lover: God's attitude toward us: vs 16 & Gal 5:19

- Who did God love? Sinners:

SO LOVED: the greatest degree: Not just some, but all

- Some Think God only loves us when we are good. *Rom 5:8*
- Unconditional love provided to us His grace a gift to those who believe

THE WORLD: the greatest number/entire population of all time

-Christ going to the cross shows God's love for each one of us

THAT HE GAVE: greatest act: usually observed at Christmas *John 15:13*

-God's Holiness/Righteousness/Justice demanded judgment- sacrifice

HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON: the greatest Gift

-God's mercy and grace is not cheap and comes at great price
-Today's attitude: What's in it for me? What do I get out of it?

THAT WHOSOEVER: the greatest invitation Mt 22 & Lk 14:16-24

-Invitations
-God extends an invitation to be saved from your sins

BELIEVETH: the greatest simplicity Simple. Clear. Understandable.

Rom 10:9

- Those who believe Jesus
- Non Believer

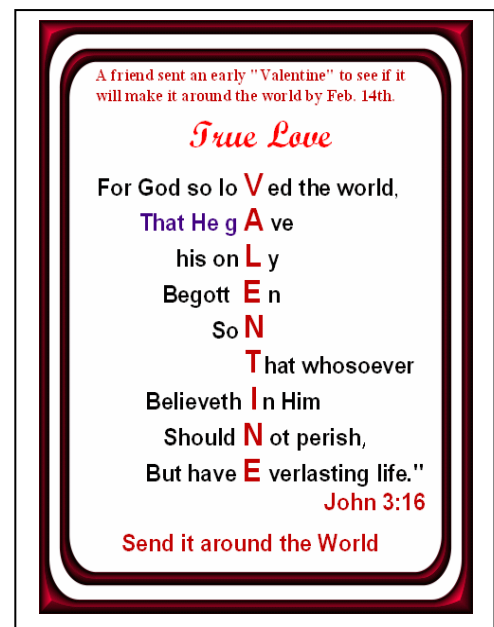
IN HIM: the greatest Person: Not anyone else: *Phlp 2:9 Heb 4:14*

SHOULD NOT PERISH: the greatest deliverance: temptation, sin, judgment, second death, hell *Rom 10:13*

BUT HAVE: the greatest difference with the greatest certainty:

EVERLASTING LIFE: the greatest possession Nothing greater!

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- Our culture asserts that truth is whatever you sincerely believe in.
- 3 Interviews Nicodemus/Samaritan woman/Nobleman in Capernaum
- Shechem: Place of Jacobs well, his bones, and where Israel renewed its covenant

Need to go through Samaria 1-6: Typically Jews went around Samaria.

- Samaritans : A mixed race from intermarriage Jews-Gentiles
- Samaritans only accepted the Pentateuch
- Offered to help rebuild Temple; but rejected and built their own

Jesus stopped along the way at Jacobs Well around noon day.

- Because harvest was ready to gather
- Jesus was tired

Along came a Samaritan woman 6-9

- Exact opposite of Nicodemus:
 - Jesus speaks to her
 - She is shocked at His request
 - Who would refuse someone a drink of water? Chance to open the door to talk

If thou knowest who thou ask/the Gift of God 10-14

- The Ice Breaking comment
- Jacobs well & Descendants
- Water
- Living Water *Jer 2:13*

Samaritan Woman Wants the "Water": 15-19

- Thinking with that kind of water won't have to draw water daily
 - She was trying to pretend to be someone she wasn't
- Jesus reveals her true self
- Samaritan Woman faced with the truth
- Jesus is addressing her spiritual need

20-24 Question about Worship

- She wanted to discuss religion. Jesus wanted to discuss reality
- She ask a controversial religious question to get the attention off of her
 - As result she came face to face with the truth of who Jesus was

25-29 Come and see the Messiah Truth must be understood and owned

- Believed the Messiah would come..Jesus confirms that He is the Messiah
- He knew all about her sin-but loved her.
 - The saving factor..she did not deny the truth; she faced it/admitted it

The Reality Of The Resurrection

So What Does The Resurrection Mean:

Jesus is Who He Claimed To Be: *John 10:30 and John 14:6*

- Not "a way" but the **Exclusive Way** All roads do not lead to heaven

- Was Jesus lying or telling the truth: The answer came that Easter Morning

The Resurrection means Jesus has the power over death *John 10:17-18*

- I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.

- Romans crucified Him, placed His body in a sealed and guarded tomb
- God **give**s us victory over sin & death **through Jesus Christ** *1 Corinthians 15*
- Jesus **is** the Resurrection and life *John 11:25*

What does the resurrection mean? *Mark 10:34 & I Corinthians 15:3-4*

Everything Jesus promises **will** come true:

The Resurrection means my past can be forgiven

- *Col 2:13 II Corinthians 5:21*

- **Every sin and trespass you ever committed can be forgiven**

The Resurrection means my present condition and needs can be met

- God's power is available to you, nothing is too difficult for God

- *Romans 8:11 Eph 1:19-20*

The Resurrection means my future can be secured:

- Death is a reality. Only a fool would go through life unprepared for death and judgment.
- *Romans 3:23*
- *I Corinthians 6:14 I Peter 1:3*

John 6:67-69

- Jesus' talk about the Bread of Life troubled some people.
- Then Jesus ask a question of the twelve
- Peter's response
- There are many places for us to turn, but to whom shall we go?

OPINIONS OF THE MAJORITY?

- Will we follow the majority? Do what our peers think or listen to the polls?
- Consider how Jesus described the end of the majority Mt 7:13-14
- Only need to look in the Bible to see what happens if we follow the majority

HUMAN WISDOM?

- Some think human wisdom can lead them to truth, life, happiness and satisfaction.
- God's thoughts and ways are not always our own Ish 55:8-9 & 1 Cor 1:18-29

PROCLAMATIONS OF PREACHERS?

- Some people blindly trust a preacher, priest, or pastor
- Paul warns how easy it is to be misled 2 Co 11:13-15
- Jesus warned about the "blind leading the blind" Mt 15:12-14

OUR CONSCIENCE? People say "Let your conscience be your guide"

- Paul had served God with a good conscience throughout his life Acts 23:1
- Even when persecuting Christians! Acts 26:9-11

OUR FEELINGS? Many people turn to their feelings

Pro 14:12 , 28:26 *Jer 10:23*

The Book of John Pt. 16 Chapter 7 His Brothers Did Not Believe 4/18/10

John gospel designed to create faith in Jesus

- His own nation - *John 1:11*
- Among His disciples - *John 6:66*.
- His own brothers *Mt 13:55*
- Foretold in *Ps 69:8* & Fulfilled *John 7:5*

Why did they not believe from the very beginning?

1) Possibly they were blinded by familiarity *Mt 13:54-58 and John 4:44*

2) Perhaps they were blinded by envy/jealousy *Mt 12:46-47*

- Do we let jealousy get in the way of truth?

3) Perhaps they were blinded by preconceived notions *John 6:15 and 7:2-4*

- It is easy to reject someone if they do not live up to your expectations
- Truth requires a willingness to hear, and has nothing to fear from investigation *Acts 17:11*

4) Why did they finally believe? *Act 1:12-14, 1 Cor 15:6-7*

- What changed them?!
- The resurrection shattered any blinders of familiarity, envy, preconceived notions *Acts 1:3 and 10:39-4*

- Unbelief of Jesus' brothers serves as a **warning**. How easily one can be blinded by such things as familiarity, envy, and preconceived notions
- The unbelief of Jesus' brothers also serves as a blessing.

The Book of John Pt. 17 8:31-36 Truth Shall Make You Free 4/25/10

- A well known statement of Jesus and often misused today

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Jesus speaks of freedom from Sin:

- Jews claim they had never been in bondage

Slavery of sin vs 34-36

- Jesus explains His statement and offers freedom from the bondage of sin
- Born with sinful nature

Guilt of sin: Rom 3:23, I John 1:8 James 2:10

- Everyone has committed sin

Power of sin: John 8:34 Rom 7:14-24

- Jesus describes how committing a sin makes one a slave to sin
- Sin is oppressive and only Jesus can provide freedom from the bondage of sin.

What is the "Truth" that will set us free?

- Truth of His Doctrine:** Jn 8:31-32

Free of the guilt of sin through the blood of Christ Mat 26:28 and Ep 1:7

Free from the power of sin through the Spirit of God. *Rom 8:1-2 and 12-13*

Truth of the cross of Christ: -We are crucified with Christ Rom 6:3-4

To be set free we must obey the Truth: Jn 8:31 Lk 6:46 I John 1:9

- Cant change truth to fit opinions, lifestyle or pet sins
- Obey as Disciples
- Obedience sets us free from sin - Rom 6:17-18 and Heb 5:9

Jesus offer the truth that really makes one free

Jesus returning from Mt. Olives and time of private prayer

- Starts with prayer 2) Prayed before going to teach

Scribes and Pharisees bring a adulterous woman before Him

- Did Scribes and Pharisees must have known about this woman

The Perfect Trap

- Plot to trick Jesus
- Jewish Law: Caught in adultery= stoning.
- Roman law: Jews could not carry out capital punishment.

Confrontation With The Truth

- Scribes and Pharisees think they have Jesus this time
- Qualifications for throwing stones
- One question causes big changes

Jesus then confronts them with the Truth)

- Examine yourselves *PS 139:22-24' Lam.3:40-41, 1 Cor. 11:28 & 31-32*
- As much as penalty was part of the law so was forgiveness

Go and sin no more

- *Mercy , grace and responsibility John 1.14*

Through The Book of John Chapter 8 Is God Your Father? 5/16/10

Who is your Father?

Some suggest that all people are the children of God *Acts 17:28-29*

What does Jesus say? *Jn 8:42/44* Who is your Father? God or the devil?

1) BY TRUSTING IN JESUS: How can we say that we love Him, if we don't trust Him? *John 14:6* and *Mt 6:33*

- If we trust Jesus in this way, we must surely love Him

2) BY OBEYING HIS COMMANDMENTS *John 14:15* *Mark 1:15* *Luke 6:46*

-Jesus made this very clear time and time again

-Many fail to do what Jesus teaches

- If God is our Father, we will obey Jesus Him gladly because we love Him

3) BY DELIGHTING IN HIS COMPANY *John 14:13-14* *Mt 18:20* *Heb 3:12-14*

- Can you imagine someone loving Jesus, but not wanting to be with Him? Yet people are that way and:
- Neglect to study the Word - Lack of prayer -Sporadic attendance

4) BY SPEAKING ABOUT HIM

-Should always be ready to speak about Jesus

5) BY WILLINGLY SUFFERING FOR HIM *1 Pe 2:19-21*

Many make sacrifices for others they love . Do we love our LORD any less?

6) BY LONGING TO BE LIKE HIM *Col 3:9-11* *Gal 2:20*

Children demonstrate love through imitation. How can we say we love Jesus, but not want to be like Him?

7) BY DESIRING TO PLEASE HIM *II Cor 5:15*

- We go out of their way to please the one they love? Because of His love for us, we should live for Him

Through The Book of John Chapter 17 Greatest Prayer Ever Prayed

The Lord's High Priestly Prayer

- Four things make this the greatest prayer:

1. The Person
2. The occasion that demanded the prayer
3. Contents (Self/Disciples)
4. Victory that it reveals

Glorify Your Son 17:1-5 & Jn 1:1-2

-Request implies 2 great truths: His pre existence and His Deity

Eternal Life 17:2-3 & Jn 3:14-16

- Eternal life is a major theme in the gospel of Christ

What is Eternal Life? Future blessing & Present possession.

I Pray For Them 17:6-19

-Unity: 17:12 & *Jn 16:32*

-Keep from evil one: Re 12:1-6/13-17 Mt 5:14-16; Ph 2:15 1 Co 10:13; Ro 8:35-39

- Sanctify them through the Word of God: Mt 4:4-11

How Does This Pray apply to us in 2010?

- Jn 17:20-21, 2 Th 3:3, 1 Th 4:3, Jn 17:17

- His Disciples received/believe/keep Word Jn 17 6, 8 Ja 1:21 Jn 8:31

For Those Who Will Believe 17:20-26

That we be one: Unity He and the Father are one 17:21,23, 17:4/24 *Jn 14:3*

Be loved by the Father: Jn 17:23 Jn 3:16 1 Jn 4:10 Jn 17:26 Jn 14:21,23

That The World May Know John 17:20-23 1 Co 1:10

