

Jesus Close Up

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who **believed** in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, **full of grace and truth.**

John 20:31 But these (*signs*) 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.

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John's Gospel is written in a different style to Matthew, Mark and Luke (sometimes called the synoptic gospels). The first three are biographies describing the life, teaching and miracles of Jesus. John wrote a "tract" to make one clear point "Jesus is the Son of God" John 20v31. He makes this point by selecting only 7 of Jesus' miracles and 7 of his sermons. He also includes the 7 "I am" sayings of Jesus that don't appear in the other gospels. He is convinced that if you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, you will have a new kind of life - "eternal life". (John 1v12-13, 3v14-18)

Who was John?

John describes himself as the disciple "who Jesus loved" (John 21v20)
 He also wrote 1, 2, 3 John and Revelation
 Businessman's son (Mark 1v20)
 Philosopher (God is - Word, Love, Light)

Why did he chose these seven miracles?

- Ch2 Water into wine *Quality*
- Ch4 Nobleman's son *Space*
- Ch5 Paralytic *Time*
- Ch6 Feeding the 5000 *Quantity*
- Ch6 Jesus walking on water *Nature*
- Ch9 Man born blind *Circumstances/Hereditary*
- Ch11 Lazarus *Death*



He wanted to show that Jesus was God. These are the kind of things "God" would do.

John mentions LIFE 14 times **Life defined 17v2-3** *Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*
 1v4, 3v15-16, 3v36, 4v14, 5v35-40, 5v35-40, 6v27-68, 8v12, 10v10, 10v28, 11v25, 12v50, 14v6.

Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God? How does this change life?

Further listening on John's Gospel from Woodlands Bible School a couple of years ago <https://www.woodlandchurch.net/blog/2017/8/9/johns-gospel-tim-dobson-bible-school>

<u>7 Signs</u>	<u>7 Sermons</u>	<u>7 things to believe "I AM" sayings</u>	<u>7 "I AM"s</u>
Ch2 Water into wine Ch4 Nobleman's son Ch5 Paralytic Ch6 Feeding the 5000 Ch6 Jesus walks on water Ch9 Man born blind Ch11 Lazarus	Ch3 Nicodemus Ch4 Woman of Samaria Ch5 Jerusalem Ch6 Capernaum Ch7 Feast of Tabernacle Ch8 Jerusalem Pharisees Ch10 Good Shepherd	Bread of Life Light of the World Door of Sheep Good Shepherd Resurrection and the Life Way, Truth and Life True Vine	4v26 6v20 8v24 8v28 8v58 13v19 18v5,6,11
One Great sign <i>Ch18-20</i>	One great sermon <i>Ch 13-17</i>	John 20:31 But these (<i>signs</i>) 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.	Signs Believe Life