

The Gospel of John

“John’s Gospel is like the ocean, a child can paddle in it and whales can swim in it.”

John’s purpose

“Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.” John 20:30-31

	Believe / Faith	Christ	Son of God	Life in his name
Prologue	1:12	1:17-18	1:14&18	1:12-13
John the Baptist recognises Jesus			1:34	1:29
Nathanael	1:50		1:49	
Water in Wine	2:11			New Wine
New temple	2:22			
Nicodemus	3:16-18		3.16-18	3:16-18
John the Baptist again	3:36		3:35-36	3:36
Woman at the Well	4:39-42	4:25-26, 29		4:10 Living Water
Official’s Son	4:53			
Healing at pool				
Debate with Jewish leaders	5:24		5:19-27 Son of God and Son of man	5:24

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Feeding the Five thousand, walking on the water and debates	6:29			6:33,37-40, 53-58
Streams of Living Water	7:38	7:41		7;37-39
Woman taken in adultery				
Light of the world and debates	8:30-31			8:32
Blind man healed	9:35, 38			Blind will see
The Good Shepherd				10:9
Unbelief	10:25-25 (negative) 10:37-38 10:42		10:36	10:27-29
Resurrection and the life	11:25-27	11:27	11:4, 11:27	11:25-26
Plotting	11:45, 48			
Jesus Anointed	12:11			
Triumphal Entry				
Lifted Up!		12:34 (see context)		
Belief and Unbelief	12:37-50			12:47
Feet Washing				
Betrayal and Denial Predicted	13:19		13:31	

The Way and the Spirit	14:1 (Greek), 14:11-12			
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The Vine				
Work of the Holy Spirit	16:9 (negative) 16:27,30-31			16:33
Jesus Prays	17:8, 20-21			17:2, 17:24-26
Arrested and Crucified	19:35		19:7	
Resurrection	20:8,			
Thomas Doubting	20:25-29			
John's mission statement	20:30-31	20:30-31	20:30-31	20:30-31
Mega catch of fish and Peter's reinstatement				

John's Gospel and the Synoptics

Only in John

- Wedding in Cana
- Nicodemus
- Woman at the well
- Debates with Jewish Leaders
- Washing of disciples feet
- Discourses in the temple
- Judea Centric

Only in the Synoptics

- The temptation of Jesus
- Parables
- The Lords Supper
- Teaching on the Kingdom of God/Heaven
- Healing of demons
- No Gethsemane
- Galilee Centric

In all four Gospels

- John the Baptist
- Call of the disciples
- Feeding of the Five Thousand
- Jesus on the Sea of Galilee
- Triumphal Entry
- Arrest, crucifixion and Resurrection

Who wrote John?

The Holy Spirit wrote John. The author does not say who he is but traditionally the book has been attributed to John the Apostle, one of the sons of Zebedee.

External Evidence

- Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyon (Polycarp), Theophilus, Eusebius and the church fathers
- John never disputed as part of the canon
- John was used extensively by the Gnostics

Internal Evidence

B. Wescott argument

Author must be:

- A Jew
- From the Holy Land
- An eyewitness
- An apostle i.e. one of the Twelve
- The apostle John

Either written around AD 80 or before AD 70