John Lesson 1

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INTRODUCTION

- The Gospel of John stands unique among the four accounts of the life of Jesus Christ.
- It is sometimes referred to as the universal gospel because it is that description of the life of Jesus Christ that is effective no matter who the person might be.
- Right in the opening words, therefore, the claim is made that Jesus Christ is God, that he is deity.

1 The Purpose: That You Might Believe

John 20:30–31

- We're concerned in the Gospel of John about his deity, about the fact that he is from God, that he is God.
- These are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you might have life through his name.
- The Gospel of John has picked these certain signs for the defense of the fact that ye might believe.
- It is an effective gospel, because it is stated that believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, ye might have life through his name.

2 Written by One Who Personally Knew Our Lord

- Certainly here is one who is an eye witness.
- There are several different references where he simply is described as the disciple whom Jesus loved.
- John wrote not only this gospel, but he is also the writer of four other books of the New Testament.

3 Is Jesus Really What He Claimed to Be?

John 4:25–26; John 5:17–18; John 10:30–33

- The question that really is before us as we study through the book of John, is Jesus really what he claimed to be?
- You cannot say that Jesus was a good man and deny that he's the Son of God. The reason is simple. A good man would not be a liar.
- Listen to Jesus when he responded to her in John 4 26, he said, I that speak unto thee, am He.
- The Jews of the first century understood what some people today do not understand about the claim of Jesus.

4 Signs That Ye Might Believe

John 2:1–11; John 4:46–54; John 11

- There are no repeat kind of miracles.
- These were signs that no man could do except God be with him.

- Twelve basketfuls were left over. He had power over quantity.
- But Jesus said, Come forth. And Lazarus came forth. Jesus is the resurrection and life. He had power over death.

5 Believe: The Difference Between the Lost and the Saved

John 3:16; John 3:36; John 12:42–43

- The difference between those who are saved and those who are lost is believing.
- He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.
- More often it carries the idea of a comprehensive faith. That is a faith that will obey, that will respond to the commandments of the Lord.
- They had mental agreement that Jesus is the Son of God, but they were not willing to confess him.

6 Jesus Christ Claimed to Be the One of Life

John 6:35; John 8:12; John 14:6

- Jesus Christ claimed to be the one of life. Believing in him will give you life.
- In fact, in John chapter 6 and verse 35, he said, I am the bread of life.
- Jesus Christ turns the light on. He is the illuminator. He is the light of the world.
- He not only is the entrance into the place of protection, but he is the one who watches over.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Don't you want to know more about Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God?**

MY NOTES