

JOHN PART 1
“JESUS ACCORDING TO JOHN”
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INTRODUCTION

- You know what happened; then someone jumps in a explicitly explains the why? That is John’s Gospel.
- John’s account of Jesus is driven by Faith and Life.

I. THE BIG WHY

- Written by John around 80-100 AD.
- To explicitly encourage faith in Jesus.
- John 20:30-31, “...these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in Him you will have life by the power of His name.”

II. IN THE BEGINNING

- John 1:1-5, “In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God... ³ God created everything through Him...⁴ The Word gave life to everything...and His life brought light to everyone...”
- In ancient world the idea of God, much less Jesus being the Word, was unimaginable.
- Greek view, Jesus as Logos = source of coherence and stability in the world. To the Greek unthinkable.
- Jewish view, the idea of the Word becoming flesh. For the Jew the idea of Jesus as God was scandalous.

III. GIVER OF LIFE/CREATOR

- John 1:3, “God created everything through Him...”
- For John, Jesus is the One who made all and is in control of all things.
- Jesus is God, and He is personal.
- Jesus is and always has been our source of security, provision, purpose, and hope.

IV. LIVING OR ALIVE

- John 1:4, “The Word gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought light to everyone.”
 - Two words used: Zoe = Alive; indicated purposeful life; Bios = Living; only refers to the physical
- He who brought everything into existence by His Word also brings meaning to life.
- There’s a difference between being given a purpose (divine) and creating a purpose (human).

V. LIGHT & DARKNESS

- John 1:5-7, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it...”
- John the Baptist declared that repentance brings repossession of the life we were intended to experience.

VI. BROKEN WITH US

- John 1:10-11, “But although the world was made through Him, the world didn’t recognize Him when He came. ¹¹ Even in His own land and among His own people, He was not accepted.”
- Jesus’ greatest attribute...isn’t rescuing us, its entering into the fray and walking with us through it.
- Rejection was primary to Jesus’ experience.

VII. FULL GRACE, FULL TRUTH

- John 1:14 NASB, “And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”
- The Incarnation - God with us - Comes to life in Jesus.

CLOSE

- John 1:12-13, “But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God...a birth that comes from God.”
- John 10:10, “...My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.”