



10:30 Small Group Bible Studies on John 13-21
Term 1, 2015

Sunday

January 4
January 25
February 1
February 8
February 15
February 22
March 1
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Good Friday
April 5

Bible Talk

John 13.1-35
John 13.36-14.14
John 14.15-31
John 15.1-17
John 15.18-16.4
John 16.4-15
John 16.15-33
John 17.1-26
John 18.1-27
John 18.28-19.16a
John 19.16b-42
John 20-21

Introduction to John

John tells us very clearly what he's trying to achieve with his gospel. John 20.30-31 says, “*Jesus did many signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but **these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.***”

John was one of Jesus' disciples. He was the son of Zebedee, and the brother of James, who was also a disciple. Along with this gospel, John also wrote three letters that are included in the new Testament—1st, 2nd, and 3rd John, and the last book of the Bible, The Book of Revelation. In his gospel, John refers to himself as “the disciples whom Jesus loved”, which helps us not to confuse him with John the Baptist, who is a significant character in this book.

John wrote his gospel to both Jews and Gentiles. He wrote to both Christians and non-Christians. As the verses above say, John wanted them, and he wants us, to have life in Jesus. In order to convince us, John records the passion narrative (Jesus' farewell, trial, crucifixion, death, and resurrection) in great length and detail. This, John says, is Jesus' *glory*. It reveals what kind of king and Messiah Jesus is. This has earned the second half of the gospel (chapters 13 to 21) the nickname, 'The Book of Glory'.

John's gospel sets forth evidence that Jesus is the Son of God. John wants us to believe that Jesus is the Christ, or Messiah (Christ [Greek] and Messiah [Hebrew] mean God's anointed king), so we believe and have life. John says that without believing these things, you will not have life. Believing what John has to say about Jesus is the difference between life and death.

John's message is not just evangelistic. He wants followers of Jesus to grow in their belief, and to grow in the life they have in Christ. Belief for John is not just intellectual assent—John wants us to put our lives in Jesus' hands. He wants to reveal King Jesus to us, so we can know and love him.

Study 1; John 13.1-35

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