**Gospel of John**

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The Gospel according to John is quite different in character from the three synoptic gospels. It is highly literary and symbolic. It does not follow the same order or reproduce the same stories as the synoptic gospels. To a much greater degree, it is the product of a developed theological reflection and grows out of a different circle and tradition. It was probably written in the 90s of the first century.

The Gospel of John begins with a magnificent prologue, which states many of the major themes and motifs of the gospel, much as an overture does for a musical work. The prologue proclaims Jesus as the preexistent and incarnate Word of God who has revealed the Father to us. The rest of the first chapter forms the introduction to the gospel proper and consists of the Baptist’s testimony about Jesus (there is no baptism of Jesus in this gospel— John simply points him out as the Lamb of God), followed by stories of the call of the first disciples, in which various titles predicated of Jesus in the early church are presented.

The final editing of the gospel and arrangement in its present form probably dates from between AD. 90 and 100. Traditionally, Ephesus has been favored as the place of composition, though many support a location in Syria, perhaps the city of Antioch, while some have suggested other places, including Alexandria. The principal divisions of the Gospel according to John are the following:

1. Prologue (1: 1– 18)
2. The Book of Signs (1: 19– 12: 50)
3. The Book of Glory (13: 1– 20: 31)
4. Epilogue: The Resurrection Appearance in Galilee (21: 1– 25)

John Chapter 1 (Prologue references)

1**a** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, 2He was in the beginning with God. 3**b** All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be 4**c**through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; 5**d** the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6**e** A man named John was sent from God. 7**f** He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8**g**He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. 9**h**The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. 12**i**But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, 13**j** who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man’s decision but of God. 14**k** And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth. 15**l** John testified to him and cried out, saying, “This was he of whom I said, ‘The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’ ” 16 From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, 17**m**because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18**n** No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father’s side, has revealed him.

References for Chapter 1:

**a:** Jn10: 30: 30 The Father and I are one.”

Gn 1:1– 5: 1In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth 2 and the earth was without form or shape, with darkness over the abyss and a mighty wind sweeping over the waters 3Then God said: Let there be light, and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good. God then separated the light from the darkness. 5God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” Evening came, and morning followed— the first day.

Jb 28:12– 27: 12As for wisdom— where can she be found? Where is the place of understanding? 13Mortals do not know her path, nor is she to be found in the land of the living. 14The Deep says, “She is not in me”; and the Sea says, “She is not with me.” 15Solid gold cannot purchase her, nor can her price be paid with silver. 16She cannot be bought with gold of Ophir, with precious onyx or lapis lazuli, 17Gold or crystal cannot equal her, nor can golden vessels be exchanged for her. 18Neither coral nor crystal should be thought of; the value of wisdom surpasses pearls. 19Ethiopian topaz does not equal her, nor can she be weighed out for pure 20As for wisdom, where does she come from? Where is the place of understanding? 21She is hidden from the eyes of every living thing; even from the birds of the air she is concealed. 22Abaddon and Death say, “Only by rumor have we heard of her.” 23 But God understands the way to her; it is he who knows her place. 24For he beholds the ends of the earth and sees all that is under the heavens. 25When he weighed out the wind, and measured out the waters; 26When he made a rule for the rain and a path for the thunderbolts, 27Then he saw wisdom and appraised her, established her, and searched her out.

Prv 8:22– 25: 22 “The Lord begot me, the beginning of his works, the forerunner of his deeds of long ago; 23From of old I was formed, at the first, before the earth. 24 When there were no deeps I was brought forth, when there were no fountains or springs of water; 25Before the mountains were settled into place, before the hills, I was brought forth;

Wis 9: 1– 2: 1 God of my ancestors, Lord of mercy, j you who have made all things by your word 2And in your wisdom have established humankind to rule the creatures produced by you,

1 Jn 1: 1– 2: 1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life— 2for the life was made visible; we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was made visible to us—

Col 1: 1: 1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

Col 1:15: 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

Rev 3:14: 14 “To the angel of the church in Laodicea, write this: “ The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the source of God’s creation, says this:

Rev 19: 13: 13 He wore a cloak that had been dipped in blood, and his name was called the Word of God.

**b:** Ps 33: 9: 9For he spoke, and it came to be, commanded, and it stood in place.

Wis 9: 1: 1 God of my ancestors, Lord of mercy, you who have made all things by your word

Sir 42:15: 15Now will I recall God’s works; what I have seen, I will describe. By the Lord’s word his works were brought into being; he accepts the one who does his will.

1 Cor 8: 6: 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom all things are and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things are and through whom we exist.

Col 1: 16: 16 For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him.

Heb 1: 2: 2in these last days, he spoke to us through a son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe,

Rev 3:14: 14 “To the angel of the church in Laodicea, write this: “ ‘The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the source of God’s creation, says this:

**c:** Jn 5:26: 26For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself.

Jn 8:12: 12 Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

1 Jn 1:2: 2for the life was made visible; we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was made visible to us—

**d:** Jn 3: 19: 19 And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.

Jn 8:12: 12 Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Jn 9: 5: 5While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

Jn12: 35: 35Jesus said to them, “The light will be among you only a little while. Walk while you have the light, so that darkness may not overcome you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where he is going.

Jn12:46: 46I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness.

Wis 7: 29– 30: 29For she is fairer than the sunw and surpasses every constellation of the stars. Compared to light, she is found more radiant; 30though night supplants light, wickedness does not prevail over Wisdom.

1 Thes 5:4: 4But you, brothers, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief.

1 Jn 2:8: 8 And yet I do write a new commandment to you, which holds true in him and among you, for the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

**e:** Mt 3:1: 1 In those days John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea

Mk 1: 4: 4John [the] Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Lk 3:2– 3: 2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. 3 He went throughout [the] whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,

**f:** Jn1:19– 34: 19 And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites [to him] to ask him, “Who are you?” 20 he admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, “I am not the Messiah.” 21 So they asked him, “What are you then? Are you Elijah?” And he said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.” 22So they said to him, “Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?” 23 He said: “I am ‘the voice of one crying out in the desert, “Make straight the way of the Lord,” ’ as Isaiah the prophet said.” 24 Some Pharisees were also sent. 25They asked him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet?” 26 John answered them, “I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, 27the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” 28 This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing. John the Baptist’s Testimony to Jesus. 29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. 30 He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’ 31 I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel.” 32 John testified further, saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. 33I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit.’ 34 Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”

Jn 5:33: 33You sent emissaries to John, and he testified to the truth.

**g:** Jn 5:35: 35 He was a burning and shining lamp, and for a while you were content to rejoice in his light.

**h:** Jn 3:19: 19 And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.

Jn 8: 12: 12 Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Jn 9: 39: 39 Then Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.”

Jn 12: 46: 46I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness.

**i:** Jn 3:11– 12: 11Amen, amen, I say to you, we speak of what we know and we testify to what we have seen, but you people do not accept our testimony. 12If I tell you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

Jn 5:43– 44: 43I came in the name of my Father, but you do not accept me; yet if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. 44How can you believe, when you accept praise from one another and do not seek the praise that comes from the only God?

Jn 12:46– 50: 46I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness. 47And if anyone hears my words and does not observe them, I do not condemn him, for I did not come to condemn the world but to save the world. 48Whoever rejects me and does not accept my words has something to judge him: the word that I spoke, it will condemn him on the last day, 49because I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and speak. 50And I know that his commandment is eternal life. So what I say, I say as the Father told me.”

Gal 3: 26: 26For through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus.

Gal 4:6– 7: 6 As proof that you are children, God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” 7So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Eph 1:5: 5he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will,

Jn 3:2: 2He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him.”

**j:** Jn 3:5– 6: 5Jesus answered, “Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of spirit is spirit.

**k:** Ex 16:10: 10But while Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they turned in the direction of the wilderness, and there the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud!

Ex 24:17: 17To the Israelites the glory of the Lord was seen as a consuming fire on the top of the mountain.

Ex 25:8– 9: 8They are to make a sanctuary for me, that I may dwell in their midst. 9According to all that I show you regarding the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of its furnishings, so you are to make it.

Ex 33:22: 22When my glory passes I will set you in the cleft of the rock and will cover you with my hand until I have passed by.

Ex 34: 6: 6So the Lord passed before him and proclaimed: The Lord, the Lord, a God gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love and fidelity,

Sir 24:4: 4In the heights of heaven I dwelt, and my throne was in a pillar of cloud.

Sir 24:8: 8 “Then the Creator of all gave me his and my Creator chose the spot for my tent. He said, ‘In Jacob make your dwelling, in Israel your inheritance.’

Is 60:1 1 Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

Ez 43:7: 7The voice said to me: Son of man, do you see the place for my throne, and the place for the soles of my feet? Here I will dwell among the Israelites forever. The house of Israel, neither they nor their kings, will never again defile my holy name, with their prostitutions and the corpses of their kings at their death.

Jl 4:17: 17Then you will know that I the Lord am your God, g dwelling on Zion, my holy mountain; Jerusalem will be holy, and strangers will never again travel through her.

Heb 2:14: 14Now since the children share in blood and flesh, he likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

1 Jn 1:2: 2for the life was made visible; we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was made visible to us—

1 Jn 4:2: 2This is how you can know the Spirit of God: every spirit that acknowledges Jesus Christ come in the flesh belongs to God,

2 Jn 7: 7 Many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh; such is the deceitful one and the antichrist.

**l**: Jn 1:30: 30 He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’

Jn 3:27– 30: 27John answered and said, “No one can receive anything except what has been given him from heaven. 28You yourselves can testify that I said [that] I am not the Messiah, but that I was sent before him. 29 The one who has the bride is the bridegroom; the best man, who stands and listens to him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. So this joy of mine has been made complete. 30He must increase; I must decrease.”

**m:** Jn 7:19: 19Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?”

Ex 31:18: 18When the Lord had finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the covenant, the stone tablets inscribed by God’s own finger.

Ex 34:28: 28So Moses was there with the Lord for forty days and forty nights, v without eating any food or drinking any water, and he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten words.

**n:** Jn 5: 37: 7The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am on my way, someone else gets down there before me.”

Jn 6:46: 46Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.

Ex 33:20: 20But you cannot see my face, for no one can see me and live.

Jgs 13:21– 22: 21but the angel of the Lord was seen no more by Manoah and his wife.h Then Manoah, realizing that it was the angel of the Lord, 22said to his wife, “We will certainly die, for we have seen God.”

1 Tm 6:16: 16who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, and whom no human being has seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.

1 Jn 4:12: 12No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.

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