



“Overview of John” (John 20:27-31)

Unbelief is at the root of all our problems! Whenever you are terribly anxious, angry, or depressed or struggling with pride and/or idolatry it's because at that moment you've forgotten who the God of the Bible is, or you've never really known Him. There is nothing more powerful and practical than to know the God of the Bible intimately through His Son Jesus Christ.

OVERVIEW OF JOHN:

I. In the Beginning (1:1-18) How Jesus Came into the world.

II. In the Crowds (1:19-12:50) How Jesus interacted with people.

Seven Signs: Truths of what Jesus can do.

1. Water to wine. (2:1-11)
2. Healing the nobleman's son. (4:46-54)
3. Healing a man at Bethesda. (5:1-18)
4. Feeding the 5,000. (6:1-14)
5. Walking on water. (6:15-21)
6. Healing the blind man. (9:1-41)
7. Raising of Lazarus. (11:1-57)

Seven I Ams: Truths about who Jesus is. Ex3:14; Jn8:58

1. I am the bread of life. (6:35)
2. I am the light of the world. (8:12)
3. I am the gate. (10:9)
4. I am the good shepherd. (10:11)
5. I am the resurrection and the life. (11:25)
6. I am the way, the truth, and the life. (14:6)
7. I am the true vine. (15:1)

Seven People: Testimonies of how Jesus impacted people.

1. John the Baptist. (1:34)
2. Nicodemus. (3:1-15, 19:39)
3. Samaritan Women. (4:29)
4. Official and son. (4:50-53)
5. Man at Bethesda. (5:12-15)
6. Man born blind. (9:25)
7. Lazarus (Mary and Martha) (12:1-3)

III. In the Upper Room: (Chapters 13-17) How Jesus interacted with His disciples. Jer29:13; Heb11:6

IV. In the Darkness: (Chapters 18-19) Jesus' arrest, death, and burial. John 18:11, 19:30; 2Cor5:21; Ps34:18, 56:8, 147:3-4

V. Out of the Tomb! (Chapters 20-21) Jesus' resurrection.

John Emphasizes Jesus' personal appearances:

To Mary Magdalene: tell my disciples.

To Thomas: touch my hands.

To Simon Peter: feed my sheep.

Growing Notes

- 1) Why do you think unbelief is at the root of all of our problems? In what area(s) of your life do you struggle in believing that God truly has your best interests at heart?
- 2) Read John 20:27-31. What is God's purpose for us in studying the Gospel according to John (v31)? What does it mean to Believe and what is the Life it produces?
- 3) In the Beginning (1:1-18) How did Jesus come into this world (v14)? What do you think it would have been like to see the glory of God in Jesus? Why is there nothing more satisfying?
- 4) In the Crowds (1:19-12:50) How did Jesus interact with people? What do the seven signs tell us about Jesus? What do the seven I ams tell us about Jesus? When you combine that Jesus is infinitely powerful and unimaginably personal how will that change your life (Seven People)?
- 5) What does The Upper Room (Chapters 13-17) tell us about the level of intimacy that we can have with Christ? What does The Darkness (Chapters 18-19) tell us about what Jesus went through for us (John 3:16-17; 2Cor5:21) and how He can help us in our suffering (Ps34:18, 56:8, 147:3-4)? How does Jesus coming Out of the Tomb (Chapter 20-21) validate all He said and did? Pray that the Lord will use this study to deepen our faith.

