

The Ten Basic Steps: Step #10: Exploring the New Testament

Lesson 4-John

Objective: To see Jesus as the Son of God.

Read: John 1

Memorize: John 7:37-38

1. Titles for Jesus
2. Miracles of Christ
3. Representatives for Christ
4. Christ's Deity
5. The Holy Spirit
6. The Vine and the Branches
7. Life Application

Called "The Gospel of Love," John has won the affection of Christians who turn to it first for inspiration. Because of its universal appeal, this Gospel is the first to be translated into a foreign language or dialect, and it is the most widely distributed of the Gospels.

John seeks to prove conclusively that Jesus is the Son of God and that all who believe in Him will have eternal life. John focused on the uniqueness of Jesus, portraying Him as the Creator who became flesh and dwelt among men as the Lamb of God "who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

As we view the Gospels together, we see a progression of teaching in each book. Matthew, for example, ends with the Resurrection, Mark closes with the Ascension, Luke give the promise of the Holy Spirit, and in John our Lord breathes the Holy Spirit upon His disciples and speaks of His return.

Titles for Jesus

Read John 1:1-8. What is Jesus called The Word? Why is He called The Light? Why is He called the Son of God?

John also gave other names for Jesus. Write each name and a short explanation of what it means.
John 6:35; 8:12; 11:25; 14:6

Miracles of Christ

Why did John take the trouble to relate the various signs, or miracles, found in his Gospel (John 20:30-31)?

Skim through this Gospel and see if you can list the seven miracles of Jesus that John recorded. John

Representatives for Christ

Read John 13-14. What attitude of the heart must you demonstrate if other people are to realize that you are Christ's representative in the world (John 13:34-35)?

What is God's provision for enabling Christians to be true representatives of Christ in the world (John 14:16-18)?

Christ's Deity

John quotes seven witnesses to the deity of Christ. Who are they? John 1:19, 34, 49; 6:68-69; 11:24-27, 20:28, 31; 10:24-36

Why was each person qualified to testify?

The Holy Spirit

John also teaches us about the Holy Spirit. How does the work of the Holy Spirit affect your life and ministry? (John 3:5; 4:14; 7:38-39; 14-16)

What is the promise given in John 14:15-31?

The Vine and the Branches

Read John 15:1-8. Describe the relationship between the vine and the branches.

How can you use this picture to have a more fruitful ministry?

Life Application

According to John 15:16, 27, what was to be the disciples' function after Jesus left the Earth? How are you obeying that command?

What promises can you claim from these verses that will help you bear fruit?

Read John 21. Summarize what these verses mean to your ministry for Jesus.

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