

John: The Deity of Jesus

Jesus related to His inner circle. Who is in your inner circle? We all need close brothers and sisters in Christ. John was the _____ intimate to Jesus during His earthly ministry. John's Gospel is the testimony of one of Jesus's dearest _____. As the Holy Spirit directed, John wrote His Gospel with two spiritual goals in mind. First, John wanted readers to embrace Jesus as _____. Second, John wanted readers to know that Jesus is _____. The most _____ verse in God's Word may be from John's Gospel. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." The _____ verse in the Bible is found in John's Gospel. John 11:35, states, "Jesus wept."

John begins his Gospel with a testimony about Jesus's _____. John 1:1 says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Many _____ teach that Jesus was less than God. However, John's Gospel teaches otherwise. To reveal Jesus's _____, John said, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (Jn. 1:14). As I witness to people from different religious groups, I frequently ask them two questions. (1) Who is _____? (2) How does a person have a personal _____ with Him?

John declares Jesus as the _____. What does that term mean? To the average Hebrew, the term meant, "This One is God." In fact, Jesus said, "I and the Father are one" (Jn. 10:30). John records _____ of Jesus.

- The _____ at Cana (John 2:1-12)
- Jesus Heals an Official's _____ (John 4:46-54)
- The Healing at the Pool on the _____ (John 5:1-17)
- Jesus _____ the Five Thousand (John 6:1-13)
- Jesus Walks on _____ (John 6:16-21)
- Jesus Heals a Man Born _____ (John 9:1-41)
- Jesus _____ Lazarus from the Dead (John 11:1-44)

To declare Jesus' deity, John records seven "I Am" statements from Jesus. Jesus was more than a good man, prophet, or teacher. He is God! Jesus said, "I am..."

- The _____ of Life (John 6:35)
- The _____ of the World (John 8:12)
- The _____ (John 10:9)
- The Good _____ (John 10:11)
- The _____ and the _____ (John 11:25)
- The _____, the _____, and the _____ (John 14:6)
- The True _____ (John 15:5)

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What are the vital principles in John's Gospel?

- Invite Jesus to your _____ (John 2:2)
- You must be _____ (John 3:7)
- God's heart is to _____ and _____ (John 3:16)
- Jesus is to _____ (John 3:30)
- The Father seeks _____ (John 4:23)
- The _____ are white for harvest (John 4:35)
- Our _____ have influence (John 4:39)
- Jesus asked great _____ (John 5:6)
- Being "_____ " is the way to live (John 6:9)
- God's _____ is always perfect (John 7:6)
- Jesus desires for people to live _____ (John 8:32)
- The enemy is a _____ and a _____ (John 8:44)
- A personal _____ is powerful (John 9:25)
- Jesus promises us _____ lives (John 10:10)
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- _____ is a biblical reality (John 10:27-30)
- Jesus knows our _____ and _____ (John 11:43)
- Our _____ is to help people see Jesus (John 12:21)
- Following Jesus is about being a _____ (John 13:1-5)
- There is only _____ to be saved (John 14:6)
- God calls us to be _____ disciples (John 15:8)
- The _____ works in the lives of believers (John 16:13)
- Jesus prays for our _____ (John 17:22)
- God's _____ is vital to living the Christian life (John 18:27)
- Jesus _____ the full payment for our sins (John 19:28-30)
- The _____ is a historical fact (John 20:1-8)
- God calls His children to live by _____, not by _____ (John 20:29)
- Obedience shows our _____ for Jesus (John 21:15-17)

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John closes his Gospel with a testimony about Jesus's _____. John said, "*Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written*" (Jn. 21:25). John presented the _____. The _____ is now given for us to trust, embrace, follow, and declare Jesus!

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