

**JESUS IS THE CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD**

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Purpose of John

- John wrote, “And truly *Jesus did many* other signs in the presence of *His disciples*, which are not written in *this book*, but *these are written* that *you* might *believe* that *Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God*, and that *believing you* may have *life in His name*.” **20:31**
- **Psalm 2** connects the Christ (the Anointed One) with the title, “**The Son of God**”
- **v.2** men oppose the LORD and His Anointed
- **v.6** God still made Him king on Zion
- **v.7** God declares that He is His Son

The Case for Jesus as Christ

- John **presents** his case for Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God:
 - Opening Statement **1:1-18**
 - **Claims** (“I am” statements)
 - **Evidence** (Signs)
 - **Witnesses** (**provided** by **God**)
 - **Character Witnesses** (**reactions** to **words** and **deeds** of **Jesus**)

The Opening Statement 1:1-18

The Word **was with God** and **was God v.1** (unbound by space and time limitations)

The Word **made EVERYTHING v.3**

He is the **life-giving light v.4-5, 9-13**

He *became flesh* and *dwelt among us v.14* (subjected Himself to limitations of space and time)

Born after John, comes after John, but existed before John **v.15** (see also **v.6-8,29-36**)

Jesus Christ is the Word with God in Heaven and brought grace and truth with Him from Heaven **v.17**

Jesus Christ, the Word, has fully revealed the Father **v.18** (see **14:6-8**)

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(**subjected Himself** to **limitations** of **space** and **time**)

Time is important in **John**

“*In the beginning...*” begins the book

“*My hour,*” “*His hour*” repeated often

Details of Jesus’ first week in **1:19-2:12**

Details of His final week in **21:1-19:42**

Three year ministry based on Jesus’ Passover trips
2:13-25; 6:4; 13:1

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(*subjected Himself* to *limitations* of *space* and *time*)

Location is important in **John**

A. *In the beginning was the Word...with God* v.1a

B. *The Word was God* v.1b

A' *He was in the beginning with God* v.2

Jesus brought *grace* and *truth* when He came from Heaven v.17

He would return to the Father in Heaven 14:1-12;
17:5

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He *became flesh* and *dwelt among us* v.14

(**subjected Himself** to **limitations** of **space** and **time**)

Location is important in **John**

Jesus often **stated** that **He came from Heaven** (sent by the Father—**3:11-21; 5:36-37; 6:29-58;**

7:15-18,26-29,33-34; 8:14-29,42; 11:42; 12:44-50)

John also **told** his disciples that **Jesus came from Heaven** **3:25-36**

Christ's **place of origin** was a **stumblingblock** for **many Jews** **1:45-46; 7:27,41-52; 8:48-59; 9:16,29-34**

Claims

- “*I am*” the **Messiah** 4:25-26
- “*I am* the **bread of life**” 6:35
- “*I am* the **light of the world**” 8:12
- “*I am* the **door of the sheep**” 10:7
- “*I am* the **good shepherd**” 10:11
- “*I am* the **resurrection and the life**” 11:25
- “*I am* the **way, the truth and the life**” 14:6
- “*I am* the **true vine**” 15:1
- “**I AM**” 8:58-59,24,28; 18:5-8

Signs

- Turning water to wine 2:1-11
- Healing the nobleman's son 4:46-54
- Healing the lame man on the Sabbath 5:1-17
- Feeding the 5000 6:1-15
- Walking on the water 6:16-21
- Giving sight to the man born blind 9:1-41
- Raising Lazarus from the dead 11:1-12:11
- His Rising from the dead 20:8, 24-31;
Matthew 12:38-42

Witnesses

- **John** (the **one** who **baptized Jesus**) **1:6-9;**
29-34; 5:31-35; 10:41
- **His works** **5:36**
- **The Father** **5:37; 12:27-30**
- **The Scriptures** **5:39**
- **Moses** **5:46**
- **The apostles** **15:26-27**
- **John** in particular **21:24-25; 19:34-35; 20:8**

Character Witnesses

- **Nicodemus 3:2**
- The **Samaritan woman**, **Samaritans 4:28-29, 39-42**
- The **nobleman 4:46-53**
- The **5000 men 6:1-14,15,66**
- The **multitude 7:10-31; 40-44**
- The **temple officers 7:45-52**
- The **man born blind 9:1-41**
- **Converts beyond the Jordan River 10:40-42**
- Those who **saw Lazarus after he had been dead four days 11:1-12:11,17**
- The **rulers of the Jews 12:42-43**
- **Pilate 18:38; 19:6**

The Verdict

- John has presented his case for Jesus as the Son of God:

Claims

Evidence (Signs)

Witnesses

- You are the jury

What is your verdict?

- 12:35-36 obey while you have the time
- Be born again 3:5; Acts 2:37-38
- Remember that Jesus will judge YOU 5:26-30