

“POPULAR FOR GOOD REASON”

INTRODUCTION TO JOHN

The appeal of this one particular book of the Bible invites us to visit it often – and we do! It’s the “go to” book that is profoundly simple, yet with basic truths that are deeply weighty and thoughtful. Of the four gospels, it’s the only one that is bound by itself and mass printed so we can distribute it to an unbelieving world.

THE ATTRACTION TO THIS GOSPEL

① The In _____.

Matthew, Mark & Luke are called the _____ books because they are similar to each other.

But the content in the Gospel of John is ____% distinct.

It spans a very limited time period – just ____ ____!

Five of the twenty-one chapters encompass a time frame of only a ____ ____ (chs. 13-17).

Matthew: Jesus as king to a _____ audience.

Mark: Jesus as servant to a _____ audience.

Luke: Jesus as a man to a _____ audience.

John: Jesus as God to the _____.

② The In _____.

The synoptic gospels pivot on _____ different parables yet John does not include _____. Jesus does not seek to conceal truth to those He converses with.

Only in this gospel do we read about:

- ☐ a man named _____.
- ☐ _____ who walks right out of his grave.
- ☐ the Samaritan woman at the well.
- ☐ the _____ Shepherd who knows His sheep.
- ☐ the One who declares Himself to be the great “I am”
- ☐ _____ Thomas.
- ☐ the care Jesus has for his _____ as He hangs on a cross.

③ The In _____.

Having responded to man, now He invites man to respond. And in this particular gospel, this one necessary reply occurs ____ times: To _____!

This is the purpose of John’s gospel. For when you believe, everything _____.

CONCLUSION

In this gospel, Jesus interacts with smaller groups, especially one-on-one. Imagine, the Son of God talking life, face-to-face, with people just like you and me! God spoke with man through His Son and every time we open the Bible, He continues to do so.

As a follower of Christ, are you reminding yourself of the gospel? Are you reminding yourself that the gospel continues to impact you in everyday living? How much of a priority does it have in your life today!