

◁▷ THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Introduction: There is no question about the authorship of this Gospel. It was written by the Apostle John, son of Zebedee, and brother of James.

1. The author of the Gospel we are studying is _____.

In this Gospel, John refers to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved," rather than by using his own name.

2. Does John refer to himself as (A) John, the beloved, or (B) the disciple whom Jesus loved?

It is generally accepted by Bible scholars, that John lived longer than any of the other Apostles, and had access to the other three Gospels when he wrote his.

3. It is generally accepted that the Gospel of _____ was the latest to be written.

When we consider that John seemed to have a closer relationship with our Lord than any of the other Apostles, and that what he wrote at a later time, should we be surprised that his Gospel differs quite materially from them in content and emphasis?

One point of emphasis is love. In fact, John's Gospel is sometimes called "The Gospel of Love"

4. The fourth Gospel is sometimes characterized as " _____
_____."

The necessity of "faith" and "faithfulness" is also stressed in John's Gospel.

5. _____ and _____ are other points of emphasis in John's Gospel.

In this Gospel, Jesus variously describes himself as "the light of the world," "the way, the truth, and the life," "the vine," and "the good shepherd."

6. Jesus often used _____ to help us to a better understanding of who He really was.

Another unique feature of the Gospel is that John takes almost half of the entire Gospel to give a detailed account of the last weeks of Jesus' life.

7. The part of Jesus' life, which John relates in greatest detail is the _____.

The first three Gospels recount the life and teachings of Jesus in a more or less chronological order. Since these facts had been related, there was no need for their repetition. John placed much more emphasis upon personal relationships; for example, the woman at the well, the woman taken in adultery, Nicodemus, the family of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

8. True or False? John in his Gospel gives more importance to the relating of facts than to stories involving human relationships.

ANSWERS:

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| 1. The Apostle John | 5. Faith and faithfulness |
| 2. (B) | 6. Symbolic language |
| 3. John | 7. Last week |
| 4. The Gospel of Love | 8. False |