The Gospel of the Apostle John

Jesus: The Living Light in Us

Overview

The Gospel of John the Apostle (Evangelist) is the fourth book of the NT and is the only one of its kind among the Gospels. Unlike the preceding books, John is not synoptic; scholars consider the message of John to be more theological. Parts of the text could even be viewed as sermonic, such as the opening chapter. John’s format does not follow those of Matthew, Mark or Luke, but like Mark, it begins with the adult life of Jesus.

John is a blended testament to the life and works of Jesus and a pronouncement of the purpose of the Lord's ministry. The prophetic ties to John's ministry can be found in Isaiah 40:3-5, and the reader of John should consider reading this passage before studying the text in this 4th Gospel on the life of Jesus.

John's straight forward and simple approach to speaking God-truths, makes his book inspirational and among the most loved scriptural readings. Perhaps, this is why John's Gospel has produced the most quoted and universal scripture of all time among Christians: John3:16 -- *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son; that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.*

Names-Terms to Know (preliminary list)

Word / word light Nathanael Nicodemus Sheep Gate 7th theology divine Christology theology the Prayer of Jesus

Pre Study: *Look at the beginning of the first book of the Bible; what is your view of the relationship of Genesis 1 to John 1?*