

JOHN

*Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God
(John 20:31)*

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The Old Rugged Cross

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On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and
best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

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O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.

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To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
where His glory forever I'll share.

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➤ A Thematic Outline:

- I. The Introduction of the Son of God (1:1-51)
- II. The Revelation of the Son of God to the World (2:1–12:50)
 - *Jesus' Public Ministry*
- III. The Revelation of the Son of God for the Disciples (13:1–17:26)
 - *Jesus' Private Ministry*
- IV. The Passion & Proof of the Son of God for the World (18:1–20:31)
- V. The Epilogue Concerning the Son of God (21:1-25)

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➤ *A Literary Outline:*

- i. The Prologue (1:1-18)
- II. The Book of Signs (1:19–12:50)
- III. The Book of Glory (13:1–20:31)
- iv. The Epilogue (21:1-25)

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- 5. Walking on the Sea of Galilee (6:15-32)**
- 6. Healing the man born blind (9:1-7)**
- 7. Raising Lazarus from the dead (11:1-45)**

The Seven “I Am” Statements of Jesus in John’s Gospel

- 1. The Bread of Life (6:35)**
- 2. The Light of the World (8:12)**
- 3. The Gate/Door for the Sheep (10:7)**
- 4. The Good Shepherd (10:11, 14)**
- 5. The Resurrection & the Life (11:25)**
- 6. The Way, the Truth, the Life (14:6)**
- 7. The True Vine (15:1)**

The “Cana Cycle”

(John 2–4)

- *Literary theme: These three chapters begins & ends with Jesus’ miracles performed in Cana of Galilee.*
- *Theological theme: Jesus is the Divine Messiah who grants life to those who believe in His Word.*

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Jesus' Miracle of Turning Water into Wine in John 2:1-11

- **3 Symbolisms:**
 - 1. Wedding**
 - 2. Wine**
 - 3. Water**

Comparisons Between Nicodemus & the Samaritan Woman

Nicodemus

- Man (Gender)
- Jew (Nationality)
- Married (Status)
- Pharisee (Morality)

The Samaritan Woman

- Woman
- Samaritan
- Divorced
- Immoral

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The “Festival Cycle”

(John 5–12)

- *Literary theme: The sign-miracles and their attendant narratives & discourses in these chapters are set in the context of Jewish festivals.*
- *Theological theme: Jesus is the Life-Giver who fulfills the hopes & joys of the Jewish festivals.*
 - *Sub-theme: There is increasing opposition by the Jewish leadership to the One who grants life.*

Israel's Annual Feasts (Lev. 23)

<u>Feast</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Season</u>
1. Passover	Nisan 14 (Mar/Apr)	Spring
2. Unleavened Bread	Nisan 15-21	Spring
3. Firstfruits	Nisan 16	Spring
4. Weeks (Pentecost)	50 days after Firstfruits	Spring
5. Trumpets	Tishri 1 (Sept/Oct)	Fall
6. Day of Atonement	Tishri 10	Fall
7. Tabernacles	Tishri 15-21	Fall

The Sabbath

- **The Sabbath: A time of physical & spiritual refreshment (Exod. 20:8-11; 23:12; Deut. 5:12-19)**
- **The Sabbath: A sign of the Mosaic Covenant (Exod. 31:12-18)**
- **By the 1st cent., the Sabbath had been perverted and had become a burden for the people (i.e., the Law).**

Jesus' Divine Prerogatives

(John 5:16-30)

- 1. The Son of God (vv. 16-20)**
- 2. The Giver of Life (vv. 21-26)**
- 3. The Final Judge (vv. 27-30)**

Jesus Christ as the Final Judge

- **Daniel 7:9-14**
- **Revelation 1:12-18**
- **Revelation 5:1-14**

Importance of True Witnesses in Judaism

“One witness is not enough to convict a man accused of any crime or offense he may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.”

–Deuteronomy 19:15

Jesus' Witnesses

(John 5:31-47)

- 1. John the Baptist (Forerunner)**
- 2. Jesus' Works & Miracles**
- 3. God the Father**
- 4. The OT Scriptures**

The Passover Miracles of Jesus in John 6

- The two miracles of Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 & walking on the Sea of Galilee were performed against the backdrop of Israel's Exodus out of Egypt.
- Historically, the Passover was celebrated by the Jews in remembrance of God's deliverance of His people out of Egypt, both physically & spiritually.
- Eschatologically, the Passover was a reminder for the Jews to look expectantly for the Messiah to deliver His people when He comes to establish His kingdom.