

JOHN

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

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Marathon Fellowship
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My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
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I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me
breath;

And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
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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)

The 7 Sign-Miracles of Jesus in John's Gospel

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3. Healing the lame man at Bethesda (5:1-18)
4. Feeding the five thousand (6:1-14)
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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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 |

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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).**

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.

Jesus' 2-Part Lesson on Discipleship in John 6

- 1. Jesus Feeding the 5,000 (vv. 1-15)**
 - Divine Sufficiency**
- 2. Jesus Walking on Water (vv. 16-21)**
 - Divine Protection**

The Bread of Life Discourse in John 6

- Jesus' Conflict with the Religious Leaders
(vv. 25-40)
- Jesus' Condemnation of the Crowd
(vv. 41-59)

3 Different Responses to Jesus

–Then & Now

1. Open Defection (vv. 60-66)
2. Firm Determination (vv. 67-69)
3. Subtle Deception (vv. 70-71)