

JOHN

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

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What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged—

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful,

Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness;

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised
Thou wilt all our burdens bear;
May we ever, Lord, be bringing
All to Thee in earnest prayer.
Soon in glory bright, unclouded,
There will be no need for prayer—
Rapture, praise, and endless worship
Will be our sweet portion there.

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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 “Farewell Discourse” of Jesus in John 13–17

- Context: The night before Jesus was crucified
- Purpose: To prepare His disciples for His imminent departure
- 2 Main Themes:
 1. Love one another
 2. Stay faithful

Jesus' "Farewell Discourse" in John 13–17 (cont.)

- *Jesus' Teaching for His disciples:*

1. Loving Servant-Leadership
2. His Imminent Departure
3. The Holy Spirit
4. The Community
5. Relationships
 - To God
 - To one another

Jesus' Teaching of His Departure and Return & the Oriental Marriage Custom

- **3 Stages of the Oriental Marriage Ceremony:**

- 1. The Betrothal Period**

- 2. The Presentation**

- 3. The Consummation & Celebration**

The 3 Stages of Oriental Wedding/Marriage

1. The Betrothal (John 14:1-3)
2. The Presentation (Jude 24-25)
3. The Consummation/Celebration
(Revelation 19:7-8; John 2:1-11)

The Return of Jesus Christ (*Parousia*)

- 2 Stages:

1. Rapture of the Church

2. Return of Jesus Christ to earth,
to judge, reign & rule

Primary Texts for the Doctrine of Christ's Return & the Rapture of the Church

- **John 14:1-3**
- **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
- **1 Corinthians 15:51-52**

3 Practical Ways to live expectantly in the light of His Return

1. Our hope for His Return motivates us to purity (1 John 3:1-3; 1 Thess. 3:13).
2. Our hope for His Return motivates us to faithful and diligent service (1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Cor. 5:10).
3. Our hope for His Return motivates us to finish our life and ministry well (2 Tim. 4:1-8).

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

–*Acts 4:12*

“For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all men . . .”

–*1 Timothy 2:5-6*

**“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory,
the exact representation of His being,
sustaining all things by His powerful
word.”**

–Hebrews 4:3

**“For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity
lives in bodily form, . . .”**

–Colossians 2:9