

“Encounters with Jesus Part 1: The World”

John 1:1-18

Synoptic gospels share 65-95%. John shares 7% with them.

John is second to last book written in the Bible.

Missing from John:

Unique to John:

1:1-3 Cult-busting!

1:4-5 Spiritual darkness.

1 Samuel 2:9; 2 Samuel 22:29; 1 Peter 2:9

John 3:19, 8:12, 12:35, 12:46.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10, 3:1

1:6-8 Preparing to meet Jesus.

1:9-12 Three groups of people.

“Believe” “Believe in His name”

Receive the right, fullness.

1:13 Free will, will of God: not parents, works, religion.

1:14 The Bible is “The Word.” Jesus is “The Word.”

Similarities.

Differences.

1:16 Fullness: Psalm 16:11; Ephesians 1:18-23; 3:16-19; 4:13.

1:17-18 Grace and truth “realized” in Jesus. God realized.

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Young People's Questions

1. What are the synoptic gospels, and what does “synoptic” mean?

2. What amount of John's gospel is found in the other three gospels?

Circle one: 7% 35% 65% 95%

3. Draw lines from the events below to whether they are in John:

(The first one is done for you)

Jesus' genealogy

Nicodemus discussion

Jesus' birth and baptism

Lazarus raised from dead

Jesus temptation

Jesus casting out demons

Farwell address & intercessory prayer

“I Am” statements of Jesus

Jesus transfiguration

In gospel
of John

Not in
gospel of
John

4. How does John 1:1-3 prove Jesus is God?

5. What does darkness usually mean in the Bible?

6. Sometimes when people meet a king or president, what do people need to do first, and always when meeting Jesus?

7. How do people become the children of God?

8. What does believing in Jesus' name mean?

9. Based on verse 13, what is not part of salvation?

10. “The Word” means what and Whom?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. 5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

The Witness John

6 There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.

9 There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

The Word Made Flesh

14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 John *testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'" 16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. 17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

1 Samuel 2:9: He keeps the feet of His godly ones,
But the wicked ones are silenced in darkness;
For not by might shall a man prevail.

2 Samuel 22:29: For You are my lamp, O Lord;
And the Lord illumines my darkness.

1 Peter 2:9: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...

John 3:19: This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

John 8:12: Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

John 12:35: So Jesus said to them, "For a little while longer the Light is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes.

John 12:46: I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10: but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And which have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

1 Corinthians 3:1: And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ.

Psalms 16:11: You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.