



INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

A History of the Believers

THE PENMEN

This Gospel according to John was **penned by John, the beloved apostle**. It was penned around 85-90 BC. At this time, John had outlived all the other disciples and looks back on his life and reflects upon **his personal relationship with Jesus** (See I John 1:3).

This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen. John 21:24-25

Key Doctrine: INSPIRATION: We can trust the Word of God completely because though He used men to pen His word, God is the only Author.

Key Application: We, like John, can have a real and personal relationship with Jesus Christ that will leave us with a convincing testimony for Him.

THE PURPOSE

John clearly defines the content of his account and his purpose for writing. The content of the book was **to display the wonders of Jesus**, and his purpose was to direct belief toward the Lord Jesus Christ.

And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. John 21:24-25

Key Doctrine: Jesus is God's only Son and is only our only source of abundant and eternal life.

Key Application: The content of both our lifestyle and conversation should reflect our relationship with Jesus Christ.