

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

An intro to John

Recap from 1 Corinthians

- The church was in need of corrective lenses
- 1 Corinthians 1:13 ***"Is Christ divided?"***
- The church needed glasses so that they could clearly see who Jesus is, and how they were supposed to treat each other.

Where to go from 1 Corinthians

- We are going to walk with Jesus and spend time looking at who He is.
- What His ministry was about.
- We want to look at His life and see how He called us to live.
- We want to **be changed to look more like Jesus**, rather than make Jesus look more like us.

"The Messiah according to John"

What is the book of John?

- It is the 4th book found in the New Testament
- It is the 4th and last book known as the Gospels' – the good news of who Jesus Christ is

Who is the author of John?

- John was 1 of the 12 disciples of Jesus Christ
- **John 21:24** – This disciple is the one who testifies to these events and has recorded them here. And we know that his account of these things is accurate.
- Son of Zebedee and brother to James
Mark 1:16-20

- "Sons of Thunder" **Mark 3:17**
- He was part of the 3 inner disciples (Peter, James & John)
 - o Transfiguration
Matthew 17, Mark 9 & Luke 9
 - o Raising of the 12-year-old girl
Mark 5 & Luke 8
 - o In the garden before His arrest
Matthew 26 & Mark 12
- Jesus Trusted him like family - **John 20**
- Authored 1, 2 & 3 John & Revelation
- The only disciple believed to die of old age

What is the purpose of the book of John?

- The book of John is about **Who Jesus is...** Jesus is the Messiah!
- John 20:30-31
The disciples saw Jesus do many other **miraculous signs** in addition to the ones recorded in this book. And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but **these are written that you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that **believing you may have life in His name.**
- John wants us to **believe!** 98x
- Believing that someone existed is not the belief that John is talking about repeatedly.
- The belief: Actively putting our hope, our confidence, our trust in Jesus Christ. That **Jesus is where life comes from.**
- Other repeated words: **Remain, Truth & Life**

Why these stories?

- **John 14:26** – But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.
- It is about Jesus being the Messiah! It isn't what did He do, it's about who He is!
- **John 16:13-15** – However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.
- **John 21:24-25** – This disciple is the one who testifies to these events and has recorded them here. And we know that his account of these things is accurate. Jesus also did many other things. If they were all written down, I suppose

the whole world could not contain the books that would be written.

- John is going to give us numerous times where Jesus says ***"I AM"***.
- John's use of miracles support who Jesus is.

What are YOU getting into with this series

- To ***see*** Jesus for who He is!
- To ***know*** that Jesus loves you!
- To ***receive*** the life, He has for you!
If it is not growing is dying!
- To ***grow*** our faith and belief!
- To ***BELIEVE!***
- To ***LIVE!***

Next week John 1:1-18