

John - Whom Jesus loved 12/1/24

John 21:20-25

Last week we learned about Peter with “Egg all over his face”
Natural leader but trying to do it in his own strength and power
thinking he knew better than God. Today we learn about John -
“egg”nigma” - “a person or thing that is mysterious, puzzling, or
difficult to understand.” **Hard-boiled and raw egg**

I. JOHN VERSES THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS John 21:25

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.

A. Why the Synoptic Gospels **Word “Synoptic” = “to be
seen together”** I Peter 1:10-12 **These 3 books are a
synopsis of the story of Jesus and proof of truth of the
Gospel**

1. Matthew wrote To the Jews Matthew 1:1 **The
book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of
David, the son of Abraham. Matthew 2:2 Saying,
Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we
have seen his star in the east, and are come to
worship him. Matthew 27:11 And Jesus stood
before the governor: and the governor asked him,
saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus
said unto him, Thou sayest.**
2. Mark wrote to the Gentiles Mark 1:1 **The
beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son**

of God; As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

a) Almost like a journalist (**he wasn't there**)

b) Fewer OT quotes. More Latin words, explains Aramaic & Hebrew words

3. Luke wrote to the intellectual Luke 1:1-4

a) God always provides evidence for our faith
Hebrews 11:1,6 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen... But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

b) Reasonable

(1) Reasonable to believe Acts 24:25

And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

(2) Almost Acts 26:26-28 For the king

knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner. King Agrippa, believest thou

the prophets? I know that thou believest. Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

B. Why John wrote I John 1:1-4 **Last Gospel written**
Personal point of view

1. That you might believe John 20:30-31
 - a) This is the Son of God John 1:34, John 1:1-14
 - b) God loves you! **John 3:16**
 - c) Can know **I John 5:12-13**
2. He wrote about Joy! I John 1:4 **And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.**
 - a) To love one another John 15:11-14
 - (1) A new old commandment John 13:34-35, I John 2:7-8 **Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.**
 - (2) Do you really love God? I John 4:20-21 **If a man say, I love God, and**

hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

(3) Commandments all boil down to
Matthew 22:36-40

b) No greater joy III John 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

II. WHO IS JOHN? Mark 3:17 And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges (rage), which is, The sons of thunder.

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A. What we were I Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

1. Only hear him speak 2x Luke 9:49-50 & 51-56

a) Wrath of man James 1:19-20 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

b) Control your anger or it will control you
Proverbs 16:32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city. I have a short fuse, but get over it quick! So does dynamite! Proverbs 26:27 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

c) Don't give place to the devil Ephesians 4:26-27 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil.

2. It only takes one time! Numbers 12:3 Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth. Numbers 20:10-11 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

B. Three other things give you insight about John

1. Only disciple that was at the crucifixion John 19:26-27
2. Fast John 20:2-9
3. "It is the Lord" John 21:7

III. TEACHER'S PET John 13:23 (21:20)

A. The disciple whom Jesus loved 5 times (1x referring to Lazarus in John 11:3 cp 36)

1. Awed & amazed that Jesus could love him! John 3:16, Romans 5:8

2. Should be called the sons of God I John 3:1-3

B. Love begets love I John 4:7-21 Uses the word love 109 times!

1. How many times have you said "I Love You!" today?

a) To your spouse Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it... 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

b) Children Titus 2:4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children. Doesn't hurt to tell your parents that once in awhile!

c) Friends I Samuel 18:1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

d) Even enemies Luke 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for

nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

2. “I love you!” Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.
3. “I love you too!” John 21:15-17, I John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us. **Watch Hallmark Christmas movies - waiting for that first kiss! “I love you!” - “I love you too!”**