

The Gospel of John communicates the gospel message. The first twelve chapters begin with an introduction of Jesus and ends with resurrection truth and the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem as the King. One week later He would be rejected and crucified – all in keeping with God’s eternal plan. As you study John 1-12, observe how the many parts of this presentation contribute to communicate the gospel message. The seven “I am” statements and seven miracles identify and authenticate Jesus as the Messiah/Christ, the Savior, and the King. Five of the “I am” statements and all seven of the miracles occur in the first twelve chapters – emphasizing the person and work of Jesus Christ. This is the good news! Jesus Christ is the good news! It is fascinating to observe the way John weaves these truths together to present the gospel of Christ in his powerful presentation.

Seven “I am” Statements / Truths of God

- ch. 6 – “I am the bread of life”
- ch. 8 – “I am the light of the world”
- ch. 10 – “I am the door”
- ch. 10 – “I am the good shepherd”
- ch. 11 – “I am the resurrection and the life”
- ch. 14 – “I am the way, the truth, and the life”
- ch. 15 – “I am the true vine”

► The seven “I am” statements reveal who Jesus forever is – and then reveal the forever blessings for all who receive Him by faith.

Seven Miracles / Acts of God:

- ch. 2 – turning water to wine
- ch. 4 – healing the nobleman’s son
- ch. 5 – healing at Bethesda
- ch. 6 – feeding the five thousand
- ch. 6 – walking on water
- ch. 9 – healing the blind man
- ch. 11 – raising Lazarus from the dead

Two main divisions in the Gospel of John:

- chs. 1-12 “The Gospel Message”
- chs. 13-21 “The Gospel Ministry”

Topical notes for the study to encourage group discussion:

(M1) = the 1st miracle

(S1) = the 1st saying

- 1:1-18 the prologue · what is said here to pique your interest to know more?
rejected, but received? born of God?
- 1:19-51 introductions · find at least 20 names and descriptions of Jesus in all of chapter 1
· name the others who are introduced in this chapter
- 2:1-11 **(M1) WATER TO WINE** · changing the nature/essence of things
- 2:12-25 cleansing the temple · knowing who/what is in things
· who/what is in the temple, in Jesus, and in man?
- 3:1-21 the new birth · who/what is missing in Nicodemus?
- 3:22-36 increasing and decreasing · John the Baptist
- 4:1-42 the Samaritan woman · this One is indeed the Savior of the world

- 4:43-54 **(M2) HEALING THE NOBLEMAN'S SON** · faith in the word of Jesus
- 5:1-18 **(M3) HEALING AT BETHESDA** · why did Jesus heal on the Sabbath?
· why did Jesus say he was "working"?
- 5:19-47 the ministry/works of the Father and the Son
- 6:1-15 **(M4) FEEDING THE 5,000** · Jesus coming with bread in a peaceful setting
- 6:16-21 **(M5) WALKING ON WATER** · Jesus coming to save in a life-threatening setting
· when Jesus was "received" into the boat – why were they immediately at their destination?
- 6:22-71 **(S1) "I am the bread of life"** · the association of manna and Jesus · eat and live ·
· he who comes shall not hunger · he who believes shall not thirst
- 7:1-53 the feast of Tabernacles · thirsty? come and drink · is this the Messiah? · Nicodemus
- 8:1-11 the woman caught in adultery · go and sin no more · no more walking in darkness
- 8:12-59 **(S2) "I am the light of the world"** · he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness,
but have the light of life · everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin ·
the truth shall make you free · "I am" · stones to throw at Jesus/the light
- 9:1-41 **(M6) HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN** · darkness to light · ignorance to truth ·
physical healing to see & spiritual healing to see Jesus
- 10:1-10 **(S3) "I am the door"** · the One through whom all must enter to be saved
- 10:11-21 **(S4) "I am the good shepherd"** · the One who accomplishes the work of salvation
- 10:22-42 the feast of Dedication · My sheep = people who hear the shepherd's call
- 11:1-45 **(S5) "I am the resurrection and the life"** · the One who exists as life over death ·
the promise that life in Jesus will triumph over death for all who believe in Him
- (M7) LAZARUS RAISED FROM THE DEAD** · the display of the One who is resurrection
and life · the promise of life · the promise of things to come
- 11:46-57 the plan to kill the One who is the resurrection and the life · the plan of death
- 12:1-11 the feast of Passover · the anointing for death · the preparation of the sacrifice
- 12:12-19 the triumphal entry · the entrance and reception of the King into Jerusalem ·
HOSANNA = "He saves"
- 12:20-50 the final public discourse · the Greeks · the Father · the Jews · Isaiah ·
a final warning