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Through The Bible Session 35

The Gospel of John 1-10

The Son of God

From the miracle of our origin to the mystery of our destiny

The Design of the Gospels

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Presents as:	Messiah	Servant	Son of Man	Son of God
Genealogy:	Abraham (Legal)	--	Adam (Blood line)	Eternal (Preexistence)
What Jesus	Said	Did	Felt	Was
To the:	Jew	Roman	Greek	Church
1st Miracle:	Leper cleansed (Jew = sin)	Demon expelled	Demon expelled	Water to Wine
Ends with	Resurrection	Ascension	Promise of Spirit: Acts	Promise of Return: Revelation
Camp Side:	East	West	South	North
Ensign:	Judah	Ephraim	Reuben	Dan
Face:	Lion	Ox	Man	Eagle
Style:	Groupings	Snapshots	Narrative	Mystical

Henrietta C. Mears

“The theme of John’s gospel is the deity of Jesus Christ. More here than anywhere else His divine Sonship is set forth. In this gospel we are shown the babe of Bethlehem was none other than the “only begotten of the Father.” There are evidences and proofs given without number. Although all things were made by Him, although in him was life, yet He was made flesh, and dwelt among us. No man could see God; therefore, Christ came to declare Him.”

What The Bible Is All About

Introduction

John's reason for writing:

- 30* And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:
- 31* 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 20:30-31

Introduction

Key word:

- Believe x 100
 - Believed / Believeth / Believeest / Believing / Commit (to trust)
- Gr. *ΠΙΣΤΕΥΩ* 'pisteuo'
- to have faith (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), by implication, to entrust (especially one's spiritual well-being to Christ)

Introduction

Why entrust our spiritual well-being to Christ?

John's Answer:

- Because Christ is God manifest in the flesh
- *'the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us'* v.14

Introduction

Time of Writing:

- c.AD 96-100
- After John had returned from Patmos
- He returned to Ephesus
- Gnostic heresy now creeping in
- Denying that Jesus was God

Introduction

- 21** I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.
- 22** Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.
- 23** Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

1 John 2:21-23

John 10:30: "I am my Father are one"

Isaiah's Insight

6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

Isaiah 44:6

The First & The Last

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

Revelation 1:17

The First & The Last

*8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write;
These things saith the first and the last, which was
dead, and is alive;*

Revelation 2:8

- If God is the first & the last...
- And Christ is the first & the last...
- Christ must be God

The Only Saviour

II I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

Isaiah 43:11

The Only Saviour

21 ...who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

Isaiah 45:21-22

The Only Saviour

42 And (they) said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world

John 4:42

- God alone is Saviour (Is 43 / 45)
- Jesus is the only Saviour (John 4 etc.)
- For both to be true, Jesus has to be God.

The Creator

5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

Isaiah 42:5

The Creator

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not

John 1:3,10

- God alone is Creator (Is 42)
- Jesus is the Creator (John 1 etc.)
- For both to be true, Jesus has to be God.

C.S. Lewis

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claims to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things that Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse”.

C.S. Lewis

“You can shut Him up as a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come up with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that option open to us. He did not intend to.”

The Deity of Christ

- *“In the beginning, Eloheim, the Alpha & Omega, created the heavens & the earth”*
- ‘Let Us create’ Gen 1:26
- Eloheim – plural noun, used as singular
- The Voice of the LORD / Angel of the LORD
– Physical manifestation of God
- Christ is the final, ultimate manifestation of God - Hebrews 1:1-2
- *“No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him”* - John 1:18

Introduction

Omitted From John's Gospel:

- His birth
- His boyhood
- His temptation
- His transfiguration
- Appointing of the 12 disciples
- Parables
- Ascension
- The great commission

Introduction

Heptadic Structure

- Seven 'I AM' statements
 - Seven miracles
 - Seven witnesses
 - Seven X 'meta tauta'
 - 'after these things'
- (3:22 / 5:1 / 5:14 / 7:1 / 13:7 / 19:38 / 21:1)

Introduction

The Seven I AM Statements:

- I AM the bread of life – 6:35
- I AM the light of the world – 8:12
- Before Abraham was I AM – 8:58
- I AM the good shepherd – 10:11
- I AM the resurrection & life – 11:25
- I AM the way, truth & life – 14:6
- I AM the true vine – 15:1

Introduction

The Seven Witnesses

- John the Baptist: *“This is the Son of God”* 1:34
- Nathanael: *“Thou art the Son of God”* 1:49
- Peter: *“Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God”* 6:69
- Martha: *“Thou art the Christ, the Son of God”* 11:27
- Thomas: *“My Lord and my God”* 20:28
- John: *“Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God”* 20:31
- Christ: *“I am the Son of God”* 10:36

Introduction

The Seven Miracles:

- Water to wine: 2:1-11
- Healing the nobleman's son: 4:46-54
- Healing of the man at Bethesda: 5:1-47
- Feeding the 5000: 6:1-14
- Walking on water: 6:15-21
- Healing the blind man: 9:1-41
- Raising of Lazarus: 11:1-57

Outline of The Gospel of John

- Two major divisions:
 - Chapter 1-11, covers 3 ½ years
 - Chapter 12-21, covers 1 week



The Gospel of John

Chapter 1

Chapter 1

- Introduction vs. 1-3
 - the 'Logos'
- Christ's mission vs. 4-14
 - Light of the world
- The unveiling of Christ vs. 15-34
 - John the Baptist's testimony
- The first disciples vs. 35-51
 - 1) seekers
 - 2) witnessed to
 - 3) sought
 - 4) convicted/convinced

² In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² The same was in the beginning with God.

³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:1-3

- Lit. *'When the beginning began'*

- 'Logos' –

 - 'reason' in terms of thought, and

 - 'word' in terms of the expression of that thought

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 1:4-5

- All life originates from God
- Adam was just a 'shell' until God breathed life into him and 'he became a living soul'
- Life itself is a great light But...
- Man rejected the light
- That's why God had to be manifest in the flesh, to help us see & to lead us back 'from darkness to light'

The Light of the world

- 7 [John] came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through [Jesus] might believe.
- 8 [John] was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
- 9 [Jesus] was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

John 1:6-9

- All men are given a measure of faith **Rom 12:3**
- No one can say they don't have enough faith to believe

The Light of the world

¹² Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying:

I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 8:12

Light

Verse 3

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי אֹרֶךְ וַיְהִי אֹרֶךְ

'owr hayah 'owr hayah Eloheim amar

light be light be Eloheim Said
(God)

Genesis 1:3

And God said, 'Let light be light'

And God said, 'Let The Light illuminate'

The Light of the world

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:5

The Light of the world

- Light was pre-existent in the person of Jesus Christ
- God commanded the Light to shine
- The Light simply then illuminated
- Jesus Christ – the pre-existent One – who is the Light, created all things

- I^o** He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
- Iⁱ** He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
- I²** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the **sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name:

John 1:10-12

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:13

- **Hebrews 12:9** – God is the Father of spirits
- True life is not physical, it is spiritual

The New Birth

- *“Ever since Adam sinned, the earth has been the land of the walking dead – spiritually dead. What is the disease that killed man? ‘The wages of sin is death’. So from God’s point of view, salvation involves the raising of spiritually dead men to life. But before God could give life to the dead, He had to totally eradicate the fatal disease that killed man – sin. So the cross was God’s method of dealing with the disease called sin, and the resurrection of Christ was and is God’s method of giving life to the dead!”*

Bob George

Sons of God

- 'Bene Ha Eloheim'
- A direct creation of God
 - Gen 6:2,4; Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7
- 'Born Again'
 - John ch 3

Sons of God

I Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called **the sons of God:** therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

1 John 3:1

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

- You couldn't want a clear statement of Christ's divinity
- The eternal Word (Logos) – the expression of the Father, *“the image of the invisible God”* Col 1:15
- This very act is the pinnacle of His grace, knowing it would culminate at the cross

²⁹ The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 1:29

- Answer to the question in Genesis 22

The Promised Lamb

7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

8 And Abraham said, My son, **God will provide himself a lamb** for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

Genesis 22:7-8

*35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;
36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!*

John 1:35-36

- John practiced what he preached
- Pointing men to Jesus (he must increase...)
- We are not to get converts to our opinions, but we are to point men to Christ

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38 Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, **What seek ye?** They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?

39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

John 1:37-39

Sincere Seekers

- Here we see the 1st of four ways people come to the knowledge of Christ
- They had grown up believing
- They were already searching
- The Big question: 'What seek ye?'
- Jesus asks questions to make us think!
- There still has to be a moment of decision

40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, **We have found the Messiah,** which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

John 1:40-42

Personal Testimony

- This is the 2nd of four ways people come to the knowledge of Christ
- The irrefutable power of personal testimony
- ‘We have found Messiah!’

- There still has to be a moment of decision and a personal response

43 The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

John 1:43-44

'Hand Picked'

- This is the 3rd way people come to the knowledge of Christ
- Jesus Himself seeks them out
- In one sense this is true for all of us
- *“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost”* (Luke 19:10)
- NB: Both Philip and Paul were martyred!

45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

John 1:45-46

Appeal To Evidence

- The 4th way people come to the knowledge of Christ
- Testimony + Evidence
- God's two witnesses: 'Law & the Prophets
- The Law convicts men - *Psalm 19:7*
- The prophets convince men
- We have overwhelming evidence
- *"To whom also he [Jesus] shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs" (Acts 1:3)*



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Chapter 2

Water to Wine

- This 1st miracle Jesus does
- John is writing this some 70+ years after the event
- Look at the detail he remembers:
- 6 water pots
- Set apart for water of purification (cf Num 19)
- They are made of stone
- Why choose this miracle?
- How was this ‘manifesting His glory’?

Water to Wine

- No meaningless details in the Bible
- Every number, place name, detail
- All there by deliberate supernatural design

- 6 is the number of man (6th day / 666 etc.)
- Our first clue...
- This is in reference to us

Water to Wine

- The first miracle Jesus does in our lives
- Take a vessel that was intended to be set apart
- But has become empty & stone
- Fills it with water (of the Word)
- The once empty vessel now brings forth fruit
 - The fruit of the vine

Another Lesson

- The world offers its 'best' first
- Then the poison follows

- God has saved the best until last
- A new heaven & new earth
- *“weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning”* Psalm 30:5
- *“They that sow in tears shall reap in joy”*
Psalm 126:5

18 *Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?*

John 2:18

- Here we go again:
- ‘by what authority...’,
- ‘who gave you permission...’
- It is always those appointed by men that question those appointed by God!



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Chapter 3

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

John 3:5

- ‘Verily, verily, I say unto thee’
- Note again the importance of what Jesus says
- Two birth’s are mentioned
- A natural birth and a Spiritual birth

Born of the Spirit

In Adam all die... 1 Cor 15:22

- The punishment for sin was death
(Gen 2:17 / Rom 6:23)
- In the Garden we all died spiritually
- Unless we are 're-born' spiritually, we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven, we will remain spiritually dead

In Christ shall all be made alive... 1 Cor 15:22

- God is the 'Father of Spirits' Heb 12:9
- Whatever is born of God does not sin
(1 John 3:9 / 1 John 5:18)



14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
even so must the Son of Man be lifted up:

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

John 3:14-15

- We had all been bitten by sin
- We were all as dead
- Only by faith in the one remedy God prescribed can we be saved
- Each person has to look to the cross themselves

The Greatest Miracle

- *For God* - the greatest being
- *so* - the greatest degree
- *loved* - the greatest affection
- *the world* - the greatest object of love
- *that he gave* - the greatest act
- *his only* - the greatest treasure
- *begotten* - the greatest relationship
- *Son,* - the greatest gift

The Greatest Miracle

- *that whosoever* - the greatest company
- *believeth* - the greatest trust
- *in him* - the greatest object of faith
- *should not*
perish - the greatest deliverance
- *but have* - the greatest assurance
- *everlasting* - the greatest promise
- *life.* - the greatest blessing

³⁶ He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 3:36

- The most important issue:
- Accept Christ = everlasting life
- Reject Christ = the wrath of God
- We need more honesty in our 'preaching'
- To many of the perishing are perishing because they don't know they are perishing!



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Chapter 4

The Way Of The Master

The precedent in Scripture is given in John 4 for personal witness. You can see Jesus' example with the woman at the well. He started in the natural realm, swung to the spiritual, brought conviction using the seventh commandment, and then revealed Himself as the Messiah. So, when I meet someone, I'll talk about the weather, I'll talk about sport: let them feel a little bit of sanity. Get to know them; maybe joke here and there and then deliberately swing from the natural to the spiritual.

Ray Comfort



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Chapter 5

John Chapter 5

- Regarded by some as the most significant chapter in the gospel of John
- We see the healing of the man at Bethesda
 - Question: do we really want Jesus to change our lives? – are we ready for the consequences?
- Jesus goes head to head against the religious leaders & launches four 'salvos' against the 'Jews' to prove His deity
- He calls four witnesses to testify
- He pronounces His verdict on the 'Jews'

Let the battle commence!

- Jesus' 4 salvos against the 'Jews'
- Verse 19-23 – The relationship between the Father & Son
- Verse 24 – The mission of the Son
- Verse 25-29 – The authority of the Son
- Verse 30-39 – Four witnesses are called
- Verse 40-47 – The verdict is pronounced!

The Authority of the Son

- ²⁸ Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,
- ²⁹ And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

John 5:28-29

Resurrections

- Resurrection of life
 - Resurrection of the just (Luke 14:14)
 - The first resurrection (Rev 20:6)
 - ‘Better resurrection’ (Heb 11:35)
 - Resurrection of the dead (1 Cor 15:42 / Phil 3:11)
 - Category rather than a single event
 - 1 Cor 15:22-23 / 1 Thes 4 / Rev 20:4-6
 - Christ – the Firstfruits
 - Those at His coming (Rapture) – 1 Thes 4:16
 - Tribulation martyrs (at 2nd Coming) – Rev 20:4-6

Resurrections

- Resurrection of damnation
 - Resurrection of the unjust
 - Single event
 - Part of the Great White Throne judgment
 - Rev 20:11-12
- This is a resurrection to destruction

Four Witnesses Are Called:

- Witness #1 – John the Baptist v32-35
- Witness #2 – The works of Jesus v36
- Witness #3 – The Father v37-38
- Witness #4 – The Scriptures v39

The Verdict

- 45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.
- 46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.
- 47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

John 5:45-47



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Chapter 6

John Chapter 6

- The feeding of the 5000
 - Jesus turns down chance to be king!
- Jesus walks on water
- Rather than build on His popularity...
- Jesus lays out His terms and conditions
 - ‘Seeker Friendly’ He is not!
 - Motivational speaker? – Hardly!
- True & False conversions

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

John 6:56-58

The Flesh & Blood of Christ

- Jesus is not advocating cannibalism!
- In Exodus the Passover lamb was to be eaten by way of identification
- In Leviticus the flesh of the sin/trespass offering was to be eaten
- To eat the flesh was to be identified with the offering – acknowledging its death in place of the guilty
- Therefore, to eat the flesh of Christ is to be identified with His death in our place
- That means admitting we are guilty!

The Flesh & Blood of Christ

- Why does blood make atonement?
- Because blood speaks of life
 - Without blood you die!
- On Calvary, Jesus' blood was shed for the sins of the world
- His life in exchange for yours & mine
- God's mercy and justice satisfied
- To drink His blood is identification with His life
- On the 3rd day He rose to new life...
- So all who are in Christ also have new life

The Flesh & Blood of Christ

- The 'flesh of Christ' speaks of His sacrificial death in our place
 - It requires our acknowledging of our sin
 - By implication necessitates dying to our old life
- The 'blood of Christ' speaks of His life
 - If we are partakers of His life, we will be beneficiaries of His new life



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Chapter 7

John Chapter 7

- Jesus attends the Feast of Tabernacles
 - Trying to keep a low profile!
- Jesus (inevitably) ends up teaching
 - Anyone filled with God's Spirit can't keep quiet!
 - Note: not our doctrine, but God's!
- Who is Jesus? Where is He from?
 - A question for each of us to settle
- Jesus makes an outrageous claim
 - The debate (and division) intensifies

8th Day of Assembly

- Last day: 'Great day of the Feast'
- Feast of Tabernacles = 7 days + 8th day
- Feast was to specifically remember their wilderness wanderings
- During the Feast, they would pour water out in memory of the water from the rock at Horeb

The Last Day of The Feast

- Water drawn from the pool of Siloam throughout the Feast – poured out on the alter
- The last day water not drawn to indicate their thirst was not yet satisfied, i.e Messiah was not yet come
- They would read from Isaiah 12

Living Water

3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 7:37-38



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Chapter 8

John Chapter 8

- Jesus is asked to preside over a kangaroo court (the woman caught in adultery)
 - He declines and dismisses the jury!
 - Those presumed guilty are set free
 - Those presumed innocent are condemned
- Jesus' mission restated
 - Again, the 'who gave you permission' question
- Jesus' authority restated
 - A question of parentage!
- Ch 7/8 demonstration of His complete control
 - Jesus Has an appointment to keep!



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Chapter 9

John Chapter 9

- Ch 9 opens with another miracle (6/7)
- Master-class in how to witness & what to expect

Miracles in John's Gospel

- #1 (John 2:1-11) Water to wine:
- #2 (John 4:46-54) Healing of the nobleman's son:
- #3 (John 5:1-47) Healing at Bethesda:
- #4 (John 6:1-6) Feeding of the 5000:
- #5 (John 6:15-21) Walking on water:
- #6 (John 9:1-41) Healing of the blind man:
- #7 (John 11:1-57) Raising of Lazarus:



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Chapter 10

John Chapter 10

- The narrative continues...
- Three months later on?
- Jesus uses the analogy of a shepherd, sheep and a sheepfold
- Commonly used in scripture
 - cf Psalm 23
- This chapter contains two of the most important verses in the Bible!

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

30 I and my Father are one.

John 10:27-30

Summary Ch.1-10

- Jesus had come as the Light of the world
- We were in darkness and blind to our true spiritual condition
- Rather than 'just take it on faith'...
- Jesus provided many witnesses to attest to His being the Son of Man (Messiah)
- The Jews recognised, but rejected His claim to be God
- Consequently they sought to stone Him for blasphemy

Summary Ch.1-10

- Two unresolved issues:

Summary Ch.1-10

- The 'reaction' of the Jews to Jesus
 - Their hatred had been festering
- The 'secrecy' surrounding Jesus
 - Deliberate suppression of who Jesus is
 - The Jews had tried to force a public confession
 - Jesus would not play their game
- The issue was one of timing
- Both reach their crescendo in Ch 11 & 12

Summary Ch.1-10

- Ch 1-10 cover around three & half years
- Ch 12-20 cover just one week
- The most important week in human history



Next Session

The Gospel of

John 11-21

The Most Important Week In
Human History

From the miracle of our origin to the mystery of our destiny



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