
The Message of John's Gospel

God the Father

- 137X—more than any other NT book

The Holy Spirit

- 1:32, 33; 3:5, 6, 8, 34; 6:33; 7:39; 14: 17, 26; 15:26; 16:13; 20:22

The Son of God

- John's Gospel details the stories of those who come to accept that Jesus is the Son of God, and those who reject Him.
- 1:34—John the Baptist
- 1:49—Nathanael
- 11:27—Mary
- 5:18-23—the Jews
- As the Word of God, Jesus reveals God's mind (1:1).
- Jesus is God in the flesh (1:14). He speaks God the Father's words (12:49-50). He does God the Father's works (14:10). He reveals God the Father's character (1:18).
- 1:18—Jesus explains what God the Father is like.
- 12:44-46—If you believe in Christ, you believe in the Father, because Christ reveals what the Father is like.
- 13:19-20—If you receive Jesus, you receive the One who sent Him.

Sent

- God the Father sent Jesus to reveal Himself, teach His words, and do His works.
- 4:34; 5:23-24, 30, 37; 6:38-39, 44; 7:16, 18, 28, 33; 8:16, 18, 26, 29; 9:4; 12:44, 45, 49; 13:20; 14:24; 15:21; 16:5; 20:21
- Used 25X
- 5:23-24—If you do not honour the Son, you do not honour the Father who sent Him.

I Am

- The Bread of Life (6:35, 48)
- The Light of the World (8:12)
- The Door of the Sheep (10:7, 9)
- The Good Shepherd (10:11)
- The Resurrection and the Life (11:25)
- The Way, the Truth, and the Life (14:6)
- The True Vine (15:1-5)

Signs

- Water into wine (2:1-11)
- Healing nobleman's son (4:46-54)
- Healing the lame man (5:1-17)
- Feeding of the 5,000 (6:1-14)
- Walking on the water (6:15-21)
- Healing the blind man (9:1-41)
- Raising Lazarus from the dead (11:1-46)
- 2:11—Jesus' signs manifested His glory, helping some witnesses to believe in Him.
- 11:45—Of those who saw how Jesus had raised Lazarus, some believed.
- John focuses the action in Jerusalem, not Galilee.

Light

- Light is used 21X of Jesus in John's Gospel
- 1:4-5—The Light of men that shines into darkness

Truth

- 25X
- 18:37—Christ came into the world to testify to the truth.
- 8:44-45—"If I speak the truth, why do you not believe Me?"

Love

- 3:16, 19:35; 5:42; 8:42; 10:17; 11:5; 12:43; 13:1, 23, 34-35; 14:15, 21, 23, 24, 28, 31; 15:9-10, 12-13, 17; 17:23-24, 26; 19:26; 21:7, 15-16, 20

Eternal Life/Born Again

- Eternal life—3:15-16, 36; 4:14, 36; 5:24, 39; 6:27; 40, 47, 54, 68; 10:28; 12:25, 50; 17:2-3
- 17:2-3—Eternal life is knowing God the Father and Jesus Christ His Son.
- Born again—1:13; 3:3-4, 5-8

Believe

- The verb "believe" is used 98 times. The noun, not even one time.
- 6:66-69—There's no one else to believe in.
- Characters in the book either believe in Jesus or choose not to believe, and subsequently become hardened.
- The last two uses of "believe" are found in 20:31.

Theme Verses: 20:30-31—"Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name."

- Believe that—certain truths that you must intellectually acknowledge (accept as true)
- Believe in—make that belief practical; put your faith in Christ Himself (ask Him for forgiveness)

Applications for Believers:

- Continue believing in Christ.
- Many times "believe" is used in the present tense. Continued faith is true saving faith.
- 15:7—Abide in Him.
- Continue obeying Christ.
- 14:31—Christ is our pattern: if you love God, you obey Him (15:14).
- 13:34—Love one another (15:17).
- 16:33—Have Christ's peace.
- 21:19, 21—Follow Christ.
- Continue magnifying Christ.
- 3:30—Jesus must increase while we must decrease.