

Sermon, January 29, 2012
“Jesus: Perfect Sacrifice, New Life, Eternal King”, John (various)
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The 27 Books of the New Testament

- **Gospels**: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and **John**
- **Early Church**: Book of Acts
- **13 Letters of Paul**: Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon
- **8 General Letters**: Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude
- **Prophecy**: Revelations

The Gospels

- Matthew, Mark, Luke and John write about Jesus birth, life, ministry of healing, ministry of teaching, miracles, passion, death, and resurrection.
- Each gives a slightly different view of the life of Christ written for different audiences and together gives us a clear picture of the life of Christ.
- Matthew writes to the Jews in narrative
- Mark writes to the Romans in narrative
- Luke writes to the Greeks in narrative
- John writes to all people in a greater theological context
- The gospels give a significant portion of their chapters to the last week of Jesus life (Matthew-25%, Mark-31%, Luke-21%, John-43%).

Overview of John :

- John was an Apostle, one of the twelve
- The time of the writing is around 80 AD.
- John also wrote 1 John, 2 John, 3 John and Revelation
- John wrote for all.
- **John 20:31** ³¹ *But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.*
- He organized his whole gospel around 8 “signs” or proofs that reinforce Jesus’ true identity leading to faith.
- The Gospel of John is very much concerned with truth, (mentioned 101 times), and light (another 23 times), and life (mentioned 47 times), “believe” is mentioned ninety-eight times.

Overall Outline of John:

1. Prologue (1:1-18)
2. Public Ministry (1:19-12:50)
3. The Passion Week (13-19)
4. The Resurrection (20)
5. Epilogue (21)

Major Themes of John:

- Matthew is concerned with the coming of a Promised Savior.
Mark is concerned with the life of a Powerful Savior.
Luke is concerned with the grace of a Perfect Savior.
John is concerned with the possession of a Personal Savior.
- The overall theme of John’s gospel is that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God;
- The gospel focuses on:
 - 1) Jesus as the Word, the Messiah, and Son of God;
 - 2) who brings the gift of salvation to mankind;
 - 3) who either accept or reject the offer.

As we continue on the life of Christ from His birth, His baptism, His call to the disciples, His ministry, let’s look at the next important phase, His purpose.

Jesus came as your personal savior who gives eternal life to those who believe through His sacrificial death on the cross for your sins, so that you may have eternal life in heaven forever.

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1. John’s Gospel is a holy message of real truth written so that you may believe

John 20:31 John 12:46

- Jesus was always concerned with the truth.
- As many Greek and Roman philosophies and world views were being encouraged, Jesus revealed real truth that leads you out of real darkness.
- Jesus was and is the true Word.

2. The true Word shows you the way to eternal life.

John 14:6-7

- Jesus is the destination and the map and the method of travel.
- Only through Him can you find your way to truth and eternal life.
- There is and always was a competition for the sale of various life roadmaps...Socrates, Plato Aristotle...Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism...secular humanism, atheism, nihilism, hedonism...
- These are maps that lead to nowhere.
- Only Jesus is the absolute truth map who can lead you correctly.
- He is God the Son, through whom you can be one with the Father in the Spirit...that you may be saved and pass the gospel message on to others.

3. In the intimate setting of the upper room soon before Jesus death, He gives purpose to His disciples future mission...spread the “good news”

John 17:20-21

- His disciples are to take that truthful light, carry it into the darkness of the world, so that others may “see”.
- The church is to continue the mission of our Savior, deliver the meaning of the finished work of Christ.

4. The finished work of Christ is His ultimate and perfect sacrifice for your sins on the cross.

John 19:30

- Jesus led a life of contrast to our father Adam.
- Jesus led a perfect life in total obedience to the Father, a lamb without blemish, a perfect sacrifice.
- What was “finished”?
- Jesus work of salvation, sacrificing Himself in your place for your sins, if you believe this absolute truth.
- **Romans 3:23-25**
- But this is only the beginning...

5. The resurrection of Christ is victory over death and leads the way to new life, eternal life, in the kingdom of heaven with God forever.

John 20:19

- The resurrection of Jesus leads us to new life,
- **Romans 6:3-7**
- Jesus is our Savior and King who we follow into new life.
- His mission of His truth leads us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- This old life that is put to death by the sacrifice of Jesus is transformed into new life as we are symbolically resurrected, forgiven of our sin through His blood shed on the cross.

Conclusion:

Do you accept this truth?

The Word of God is powerful...Jesus is the Word of God who brings the gift of salvation to mankind, and you can either accept or reject it!

Jesus came as your personal savior who gives eternal life to those who believe through His sacrificial death on the cross for your sins, so that you may have eternal life in heaven forever. Jesus was the perfect sacrifice, He is the new life, He is our King.