THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

Part One ~ The Word Became Flesh and Moved into the Neighborhood

WHY DO WE NEED A FOUTH GOSPEL?

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John 21:24-25

24This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. 25Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

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John 20:30-31

30 Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence
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31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is
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may have life in his name.

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- A amplified last week of Jesus life, death and resurrection (John chapters 12-21 – 10 of 21 chapters)

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John 1:1

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

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John 6:35

35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."

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John 10:11

11"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

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John 13:19

19"I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am He."

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John 14:6

[6]Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me."

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John 8:54-59

54 Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My
Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies
me. 55 Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I
did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and keep
his word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of
seeing my day; he saw it and was glad." 57 "You are not yet
fifty years old," the Jews said to him, "and you have seen
Abraham!" 58 "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before
Abraham was born, I am!" 59 At this, they picked up stones to
stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the
temple grounds.

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John 3:3

[3]In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no-one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

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John 4:10

10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

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John 1:12, 13

12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in
his name, he gave the right to become children of God—
13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human
decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

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John 3:16-18

16"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

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John 5:24

24"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

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John 7:37, 38

37On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood
and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him
come to me and drink. 38Whoever believes in me, as the
Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from
within him."

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John 17:2, 3

2 "For you granted him authority over all people that he
might give eternal life to all those you have given him.
3 Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the
only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

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John 2:19-22

19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will
raise it again in three days." 20 The Jews replied, "It has
taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are
going to raise it in three days?" 21 But the temple he had
spoken of was his body. 22 After he was raised from the
dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they
believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had
spoken.

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John 6:33-35

33For the bread of God is he who comes down from
heaven and gives life to the world." 34"Sir," they said,
"from now on give us this bread." 35Then Jesus
declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me
will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will
never be thirsty."

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5Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going,
so how can we know the way?" 6Jesus answered, "I am the way
and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except
through me. 7If you really knew me, you would know my Father
as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."
8Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough
for us." 9Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after
I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen
me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

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<u>From above vrs. From below</u>

John 8:23

[23]But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world."

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Light vrs. Dark

John 1:4, 5

4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

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Truth vrs. Lie

John 8:44, 45

44"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!"

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5. Vivid, Polar Opposites
Sight vrs. Blindness

John 9:39-41

39 Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world,
so that the blind will see and those who see will become
blind." 40 Some Pharisees who were with him heard him
say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" 41 Jesus
said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin;
but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains."

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World vrs. World

John 15:18, 19

18"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. 19If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you."

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1 John 2:15-17

15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If
anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in
him. 16 For everything in the world—the cravings of
sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what
he has and does—comes not from the Father but from
the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but
the man who does the will of God lives for ever.

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