

Lion and Lamb Apologetics'

JOHN

AN OVERVIEW

Purpose

To prove conclusively that Jesus is the Son of God and that all who believe in Him will have eternal life.

Author

John the son of Zebedee

Date

John was probably written in AD 85-90.

Audience

To new Christians and searching non-Christians everywhere.

Setting

John was written after the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 and before John's exile on the island of Patmos.

Special Features

Of the eight miracles recorded, six are unique (among the Gospels) to John, as is the "Upper Room Discourse" (chapters 14-17). Over 90 percent of John is unique—John does not contain a genealogy or any record of Jesus' birth, childhood, temptation, transfiguration, appointment of the disciples, nor any account his parables, ascension, or Great Commission.



Key Verses

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (1:1 ESV)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (3:16 ESV)

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" (14:6 ESV)

"But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." (20:31 ESV)

Key People

Jesus, John the Baptist, disciples, Mary, Martha, Lazarus, Jesus' mother, Pilate

Key Places

Judean countryside, Samaria, Galilee, Bethany, Jerusalem