



Franklin Avenue Baptist Church Morning Bible Study 11am
Comprehensive Study on the Book of John
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The Gospel of John differs from the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) in its emphasis on the divine nature of Jesus Christ. John presents Jesus as the eternal Word of God who became flesh and dwelt among humanity. Chapters 1–10 introduce Jesus' identity, His public ministry, His miracles, and His teachings that reveal Him as the Messiah and Son of God.

John 1: The Word Became Flesh

John opens by declaring Jesus as the eternal Word (Logos).

When Christians call Jesus "the Logos," they mean that he is God's eternal Word, the perfect revelation of God, the agent of creation, and the one through whom God communicates life, truth, and salvation to the world.

Key Themes:

- Jesus existed before creation.
- Jesus is fully God and fully man.
- Jesus is the source of life and light.
- John the Baptist serves as a witness to Christ.

Application:

Believers are called to recognize Jesus not merely as a teacher, but as God incarnate. Accepting Him grants the privilege of becoming children of God.

John 2: The First Miracle and Temple Cleansing

Jesus performs His first miracle at the wedding in Cana by turning water into wine.

These jars were not ordinary containers. They were used for ritual washing according to Jewish tradition, symbolizing outward purification before worship or meals.

Key Themes:

- Jesus has power to transform ordinary things into extraordinary blessings.
- The miracle symbolizes the abundance of God's Grace.
- Jesus cleanses the Temple, demonstrating zeal for true worship.

Application:

Jesus desires both inward and outward purity. Worship must be centered on God rather than religious performance.



John 3: Jesus and Nicodemus

Nicodemus visits Jesus at night seeking understanding.

Key Themes:

- The necessity of being born again.
- Salvation comes through faith.
- God's love for the world is demonstrated through Christ.

Key Verse:

John 3:16 reveals God's plan of redemption through His Son.

Application:

Religious knowledge alone cannot save; spiritual rebirth through faith in Christ is essential.

John 4: The Samaritan Woman

Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well.

Key Themes:

- Jesus breaks social and cultural barriers.
- Christ offers "living water" that satisfies spiritual thirst.
- True worship is in spirit and truth.

Application:

No person is beyond God's reach. Jesus seeks those who are searching, hurting, and excluded.

John 5: Healing at Bethesda

Jesus heals a man who had been disabled for thirty-eight years.

Key Themes:

- Christ has authority over sickness and suffering.
- Jesus is equal with the Father.
- God's works are revealed through Christ.

Application:

Faith often requires responding to Christ's command even before circumstances change.