

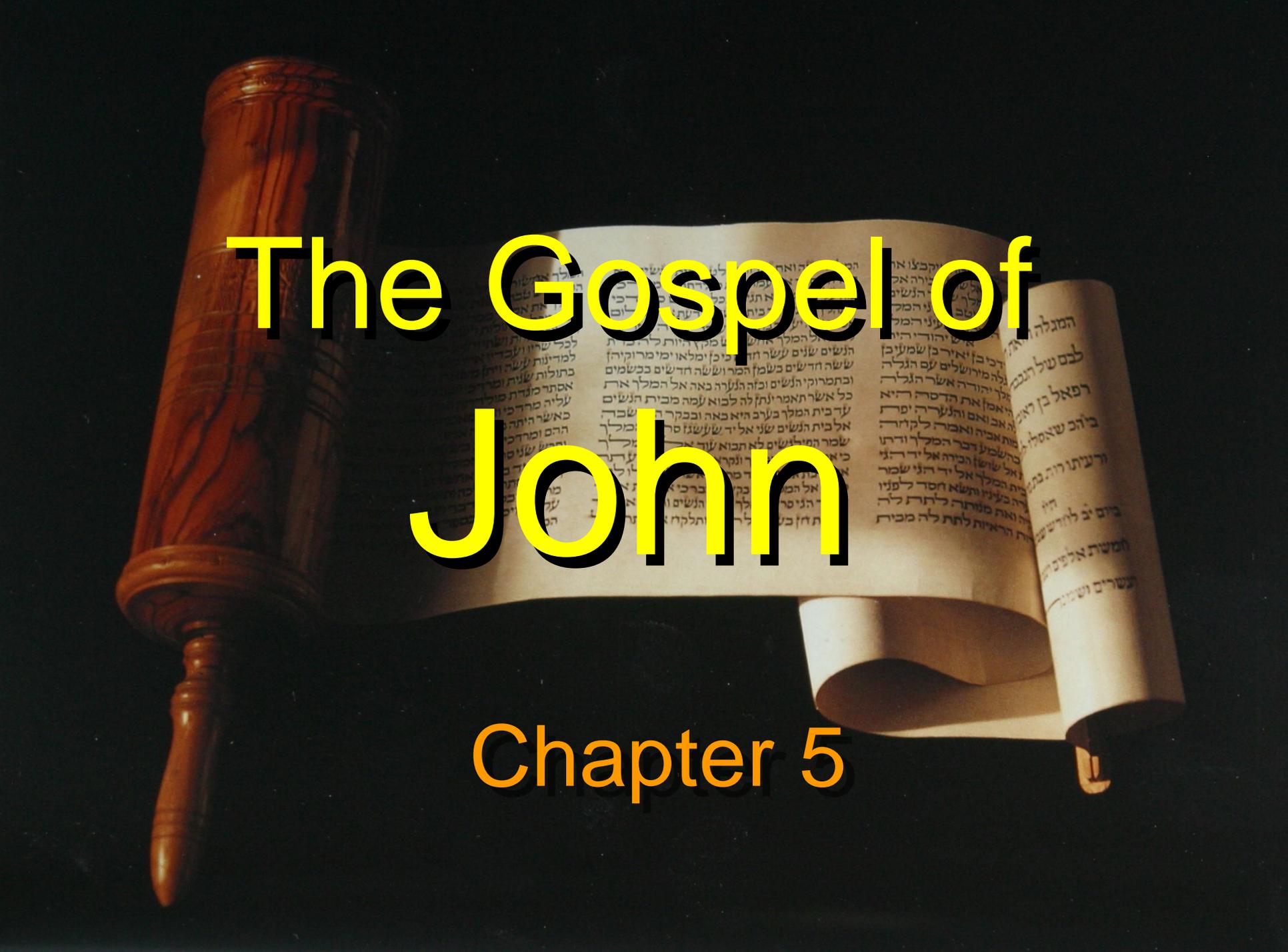
The Gospel of John

John Chapter 5

- Regarded by some as the most significant chapter in the gospel of John
- We see the healing of the man at Bethesda
- Question: do we really want Jesus to change our lives? – are we ready for the consequences?
- Let the battle commence!
- Jesus launches four salvos against the 'Jews' to prove His deity
- He calls four witnesses to testify
- He pronounces His verdict on the 'Jews'

John Chapter 6

- The feeding of the 5000
 - Jesus turns down chance to be king!
- Jesus walks on water
- Rather than build on His popularity...
- Jesus lays out His terms and conditions
 - ‘Seeker Friendly’ He is not!
 - Motivational speaker? – Hardly!
- True & False conversions



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Chapter 5

- 1 After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
- 2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.
- 3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

John 5:1-3

- 'Bethesda' – House of mercy
- Five porches - Grace

Pool of Bethesda

Temple

Antonia Fortress



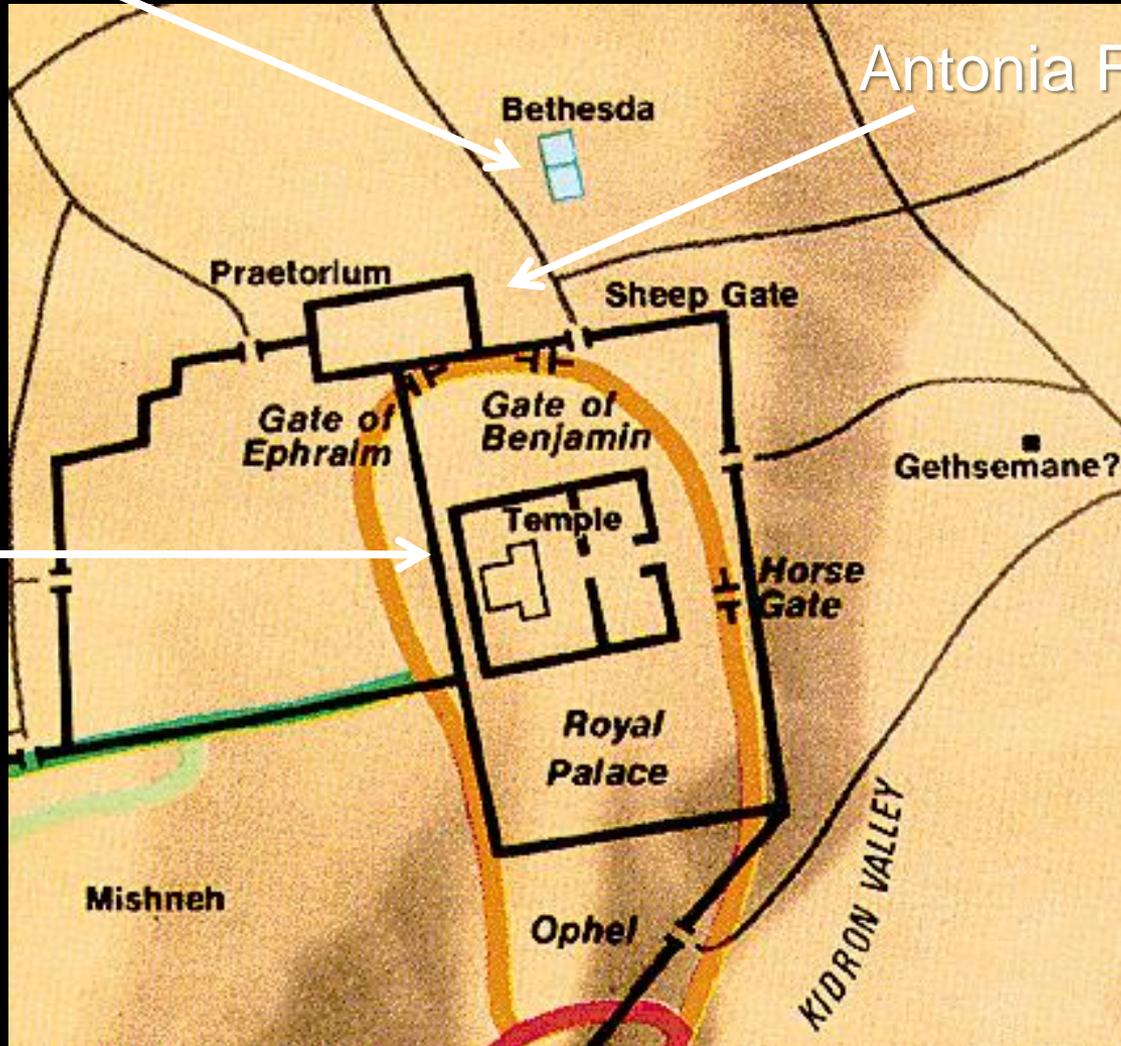
Sheep Pool

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- 4 For an **angel** went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.
- 5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity **thirty and eight years.**

John 5:4-5

- Angel of light? – 2 Cor 11:14
- 38 years of wilderness wanderings
- So near yet so far

6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, **Wilt thou be made whole?**

John 5:6

- 'Men loved darkness rather than light' **Jn 3:19**
- *'Are you so sick of your old life that you really want new life?'*
- Are you ready for what it will cost you?

7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

John 5:7

- **Step no1. Acknowledgement of your need**

- 8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.
- 9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

John 5:8-9

¹⁰ The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not **lawful** for thee to carry thy bed.

John 5:10

- Law vs. Grace
- Law says 'you can't'
- Grace says 'you can'
- The Law cannot show mercy
- What the Law could not do... Grace did

- I1** He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.
- I2** Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?
- I3** And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.

John 5:11-13

- 14** Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.
- 15** The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.
- 16** And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

John 5:14-16

- The penalty for violation of the Sabbath was stoning – that was what the Jews had in mind

17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

John 5:17-18

Let the battle commence!

- Jesus launches 4 salvos against the 'Jews'

• Verse 19-23 – The relationship between the
Father & Son

- Verse 24 – The mission of the Son
- Verse 25-29 – The authority of the Son
- Verse 30-39 – Four witnesses are called
- Verse 40-47 – The verdict is pronounced!

Father/Son Relationship

¹⁹ Then answered Jesus and said unto them, **Verily,**
verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of
himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what
things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son
likewise.

²⁰ For the Father **loveth** the Son, and sheweth him all
things that himself doeth: and he will shew him
greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

John 5:19-20

Gr. *Phileo*, not *Agape* Relationship between equals

Father/Son Relationship

- ²¹ For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.
- ²² For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:
- ²³ That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

John 5:21-23

Father/Son Relationship

- Judgment committed to the Son

³⁰ And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

³¹ Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Acts 17:30-31

Father/Son Relationship

“All through, Jesus manifested a strong personal identity, but the dominant note was the submission of it all to His Father. He separated His holy Self for God’s purposes, “For their sakes I sanctify Myself” (John 17:19). Before He spoke, He listened with the inner ear to His Father; He never allowed thought to originate from Himself. That is the meaning of communion, an intelligent determined submission. “Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do” (John 5:19).

- Oswald Chambers

Father/Son Relationship

*“The Bible makes it very clear that in and of Himself
“God is love” The God of Islam and Judaism could
not be live in and of himself. He would have to create
other beings in order to have the experience of loving
or of being loved. Yet consistently, from Genesis
through Revelation, the Bible presents a God who did
not need to create any beings to experience love....
This God is fully complete in Himself, being three
Persons... who are separate and distinct yet at the
same time eternally one God. They loved and
communed and fellowshiped with each other and
took council together before the universe, angels, or
mankind were brought into existence - Dave Hunt*

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The Mission of the Son

²⁴ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 5:24

- Notice the T&C's:
- Hearing & Believing
- Cf. Matthew 13:19-23
- Absolute assurance

Matthew 13

- Parable of the four soils:

¹⁹ When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

Matt 13:19

- Spiritually stillborn

Matthew 13

- Parable of the four soils:

²⁰ But he that receiveth the seed into stony places, the same is he that **heareth the word**, and anon with joy receiveth it;

²¹ Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth **because of the word**, by and by he is offended.

Matt 13:20-21

- ‘Back-slider’ – False convert

Matthew 13

- Parable of the four soils:

²² He also that received seed among the thorns is he that **heareth the word**; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, **choke the word**, and he becometh unfruitful.

Matt 13:22

- ‘Back-slider’ – False convert

Matthew 13

- Parable of the four soils:

²³ But he that receiveth seed into the good ground is he that **heareth the word, and understandeth it;** which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Matt 13:23

- True convert – passed from death to life
- The evidence of fruit is the real test
- *“Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them”*

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The Authority of the Son

- 25** Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.
- 26** For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;
- 27** And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

John 5:25-27

The Authority of the Son

- ²⁸ Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,
- ²⁹ And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

John 5:28-29

Resurrections

- Resurrection of life
 - Resurrection of the just (Luke 14:14)
 - The first resurrection (Rev 20:6)
 - ‘Better resurrection’ (Heb 11:35)
 - Resurrection of the dead (Phil 3:11)
 - Category rather than a single event
- Resurrection of damnation
 - Resurrection of the unjust
 - Single event

Resurrection of Life

- ²⁰ But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.
- ²¹ For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
- ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
- ²³ But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.
- ²⁴ Then cometh the end...

1 Cor 15:20-24

Resurrection of Life

- Christ – the Firstfruits
- Those at His coming (Rapture) – 1 Thes 4:16
- Tribulation martyrs (at 2nd Coming) – Rev 20:4-6

Resurrection of Damnation

- Single event for all unbelievers

¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Rev 20:12-14

Resurrection of Damnation

- Single event for all unbelievers

I3 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

I4 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:12-14

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Introduction to Jesus' Witnesses

30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.

John 5:30-31

Four Witnesses Are Called:

- Witness #1 – John the Baptist v32-35
- Witness #2 – The works of Jesus v36
- Witness #3 – The Father v37-38
- Witness #4 – The Scriptures v39

Witness #1 – John the Baptist

- 32 There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.
- 33 Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth.
- 34 But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.
- 35 He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.

John 5:32-35

Witness #2 – The Works

³⁶ But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

John 5:36

Witness #3 – The Father

- 37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.*
- 38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.*

John 5:37-38

Witness #4 – The Scriptures

³⁹ Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

John 5:39

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The Verdict

40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

41 I receive not honour from men.

42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

John 5:40-44

The Verdict

- 45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.
- 46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.
- 47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

John 5:45-47

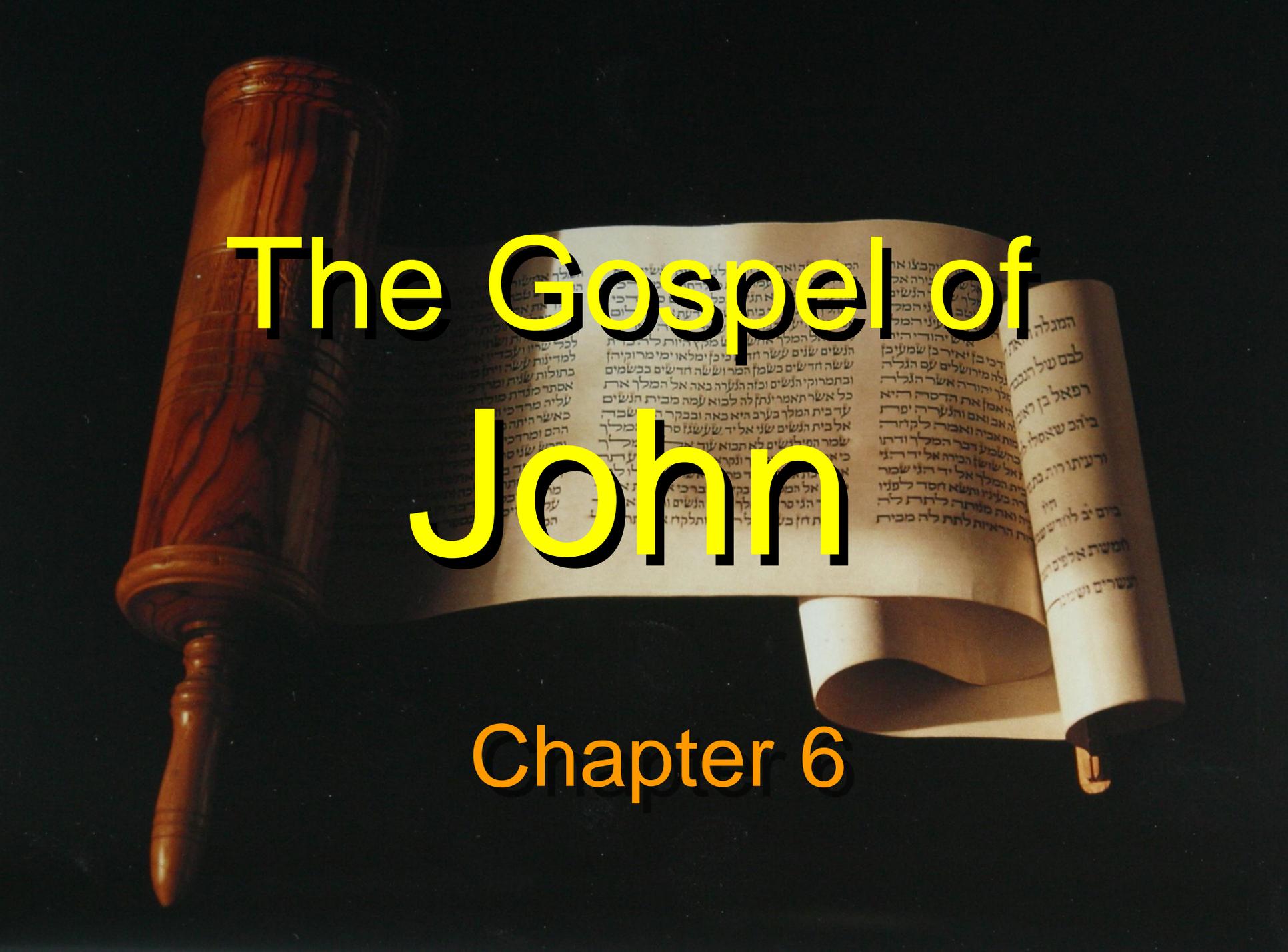
Moses' Writings...

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth

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Genesis 1:1

- 7 words, 28 letters
- Aleph (1st letter) & Tau (last letter)
- Greek equivalent = Alpha & Omega
- *“In the beginning, God, the Alpha & Omega, created the heavens and the earth”*



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Chapter 6

- 1 After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias.
- 2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.
- 3 And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.
- 4 And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

John 6:1-4

- 5 When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, **Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?**
- 6 **And this he said to prove him:** for he himself knew what he would do.
- 7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.

John 6:5-7

- 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,
- 9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?
- 10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

John 6:8-10

- 11** And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.
- 12** When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.
- 13** Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

John 6:11-13

The Labourers Reward

²⁹ And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Matt 19:29

14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

15 When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

John 6:14-15

- 'That Prophet' – **Deut 18:15**
- Moses had led the people across the sea and provided food (manna) for them

The Kingdom at a Price

*“Command that these stones become bread”—
“satisfy Your own needs and the needs of men
and You will get the kingship of men.” Was Satan
right? Read John 6:15, “When Jesus therefore
perceived that they would come and take Him by
force to make Him a king . . .” Why? He had just
fed five thousand of them! yes, but we read that
Jesus “departed again into a mountain Himself
alone”; He would not be king at that price.*

- Oswald Chambers

The Kingdom at a Price

“What is the attitude of the Church to-day? Christ on the throne of God? No, Man on the throne of God! The temptation which beset Our Lord with such fascination and power is the very temptation which is besetting the modern Christian—“Heal bodies, cast out devils, feed the poor, and men will crown You King.” The temptation is more powerful to-day than ever it has been in the history of the Church, to put men’s needs first, not God; to spell God in the term “humanity”; to make God an etcetera for blessing humanity. If you heal men and give them bread, what do they care about the claims of Jesus Christ? Health and happiness is what is wanted to-day and Jesus Christ is simply exploited.”

- Oswald Chambers

- 16 And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea,*
- 17 And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them.*
- 18 And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew.*

John 6:16-18

19 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid.

20 But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid.

21 Then they willingly receivd him into the ship: and **immediately** the ship was at the land whither they went.

John 6:19-21

A Test Of Spiritual Character

“We imagine we would be all right if a big crisis arose; but the big crisis will only reveal the stuff we are made of, it will not put anything into us.

“If God gives the call, of course I will rise to the occasion.” You will not unless you have risen to the occasion in the workshop, unless you have been the real thing before God there. If you are not doing the thing that lies nearest, because God has engineered it, when the crisis comes instead of being revealed as fit, you will be revealed as unfit. Crises always reveal character”

- Oswald Chambers

A Test Of Faithfulness

“It is only the loyal soul who believes that God engineers circumstances. We take such liberties with our circumstances, we do not believe God engineers them, although we say we do; we treat the things that happen as if they were engineered by men. To be faithful in every circumstance means that we have only one loyalty, and that is to our Lord.”

A Test Of Faithfulness

“Suddenly God breaks up a particular set of circumstances, and the realisation comes that we have been disloyal to Him by not recognising that He had organised them. We never saw what He was after, and that particular thing will never be repeated all the days of our life. The test of loyalty always comes just there. If we learn to worship God in the trying circumstances, He will alter them in two seconds when He chooses.”

- Oswald Chambers

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John 6:19-21

22 The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone;

23 (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:)

John 6:22-23

- 24 When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.
- 25 And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, **Rabbi**, when camest thou hither?
- 26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

John 6:24-26

- Now in the synagogue at Capernaum

Capernaum



27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

John 6:27-29

- 30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?
- 31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.
- 32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

John 6:30-32

- 33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.
- 34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.
- 35 And Jesus said unto them, **I am the bread of life:** he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

John 6:33-35

- Our real hunger & thirst is spiritual
- We try to mask this with the physical

36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

John 6:36-39

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:40

- 41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.
- 42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

John 6:41-42

43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them,
Murmur not among yourselves.

44 No man can come to me, except the Father which
hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the
last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all
taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard,
and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he
which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

John 6:43-46

- 47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.
- 48 I am that bread of life.
- 49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.
- 50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.
- 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

John 6:47-51

- 52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?
- 53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.
- 54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.
- 55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

John 6:52-55

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

John 6:56-58

The Flesh & Blood of Christ

- Jesus is not advocating cannibalism!
- In Exodus the Passover lamb was to be eaten by way of identification
- In Leviticus the flesh of the sin/trespass offering was to be eaten
- To eat the flesh was to be identified with the offering – acknowledging its death in place of the guilty
- Therefore, to eat the flesh of Christ is to be identified with His death in our place
- That means admitting we are guilty!

Repentance

*“Repentance to be true **must** issue in holiness, or it is not New Testament repentance. Repentance means not only sorrow and distress for the wrong done, but the acceptance of the Atonement of Jesus which will make me what I have never been—holy”*

- Oswald Chambers

The Life of The Flesh

II For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Leviticus 17:11

Remission through the Blood

22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Hebrews 9:22

The Flesh & Blood of Christ

- Why does blood make atonement?
- Because blood speaks of life
 - Without blood you die!
- On Calvary, Jesus' blood was shed for the sins of the world
- His life in exchange for yours & mine
- God's mercy and justice satisfied
- To drink His blood is identification with His life
- On the 3rd day He rose to new life...
- So all who are in Christ also have new life

The Flesh & Blood of Christ

- The 'flesh of Christ' speaks of His sacrificial death in our place
 - It requires our acknowledging of our sin
 - By implication necessitates dying to our old life
- The 'blood of Christ' speaks of His life
 - If we are partakers of His life, we will be beneficiaries of His new life

Genesis 40:12-19

The three branches are three days: Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

The three baskets are three days: Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

Genesis 40:12-19

- NB: Holy Spirit's hint; 'bread & wine' & 3 days!
- The butler
 - The cup (Christ's life/blood)
 - Lifted up after 3 days, given new life
- The baker
 - The bread (Christ's body)
 - Hung on a tree
 - Flesh eaten as payment for transgression

The Flesh & Blood of Christ

- ²⁴ And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: **this is my body, which is broken for you:** this do in remembrance of me.
- ²⁵ After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood:** this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

1 Cor 11:24-25

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- *“Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you”*
- *Except you repent and are born again...*

Repent & Recieve

- 37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?
- 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Acts 2:37-39

59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; **who can hear it?**

61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?

62 **What and if** ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

John 6:59-62

- Who is willing to 'hear' it?

What and If...?

- Stop & consider the reality of this
- Where do you stand tonight?
- Are you looking for proof?
- Are you just looking for blessing?
- Do you know who He is?
- He is the Light of the world
- He is the Bread of life
- We must snap out of the illusion we call life & open our eyes to what's real

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

John 6:63-65

- The only ones that will come to Christ are the ones the Father has chosen.
- The ones the Father has chosen are the ones who choose to come.

66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

John 6:66-69

70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

71 He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

John 6:70-71

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“The theme of John’s gospel is the deity of Jesus Christ. More here than anywhere else His divine Sonship is set forth. In this gospel we are shown the babe of Bethlehem was none other than the “only begotten of the Father.” There are evidences and proofs given without number. Although all things were made by Him, although in him was life, yet He was made flesh, and dwelt among us. No man could see God; therefore, Christ came to declare Him.”

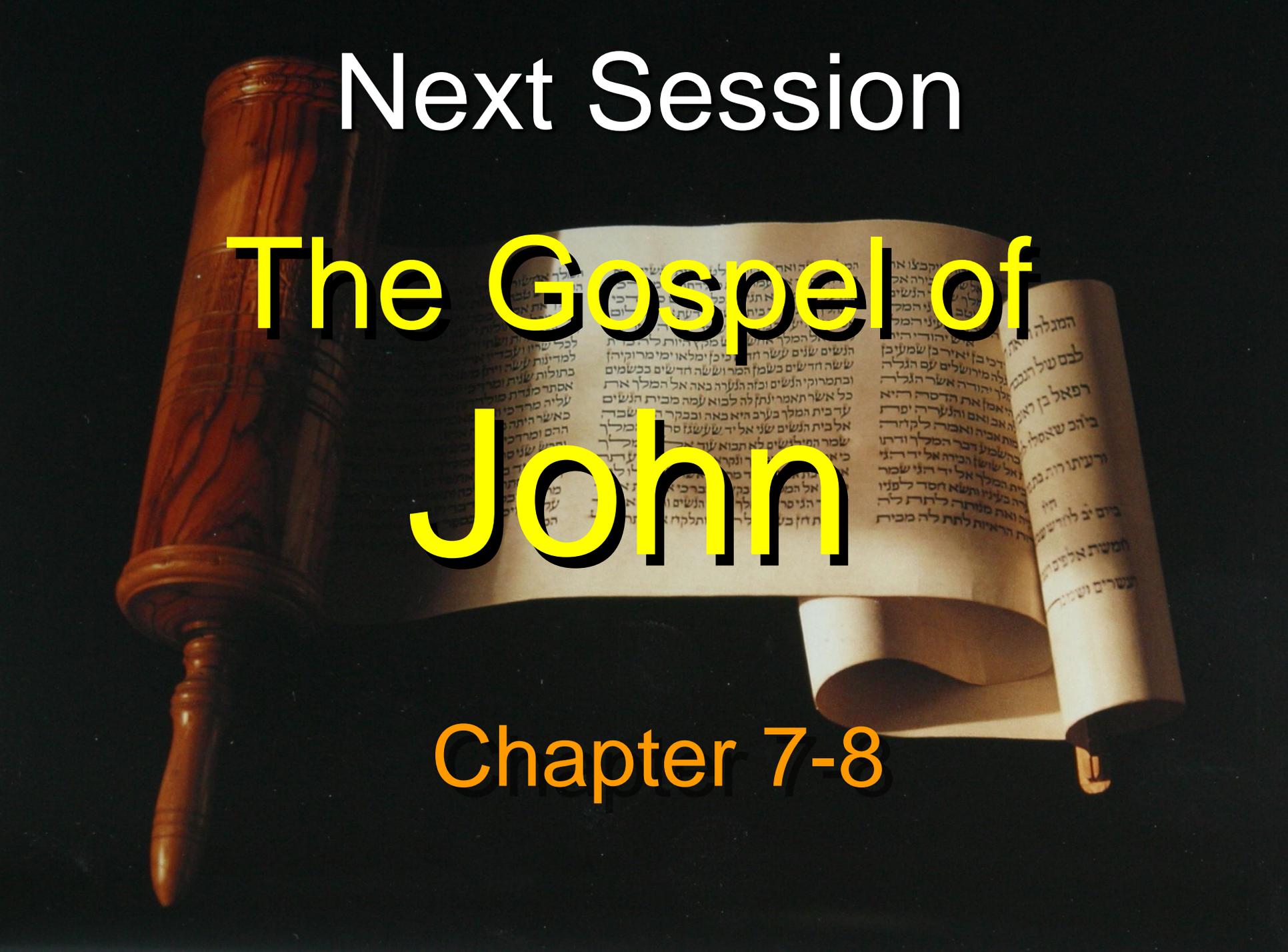
What The Bible Is All About

Introduction

John's reason for writing:

- 30* And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:
- 31* But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

John 20:30-31

An open scroll of Hebrew text, likely a Bible, is the central focus. The scroll is unrolled, showing two pages of text written in a traditional Hebrew script. The scroll is held by a wooden handle on the left side. The background is dark, making the scroll stand out. The text on the scroll is in Hebrew, and the scroll appears to be an ancient or traditional manuscript.

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The Gospel of John

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