

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD

INTRODUCTION



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THE AUTHOR OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Even though the author is not identified by name in the Book of John, the writing of this Gospel is generally attributed to the Apostle John.

- It is said to be written by the disciple whom Jesus loved (Jn. 21:20-24).
- The author was an intimate eyewitness of the life of Christ (Jn. 1:14, 2:11; 4:27; 6:19).
- The Church Fathers attribute the writing of this Gospel to John.

THE DATE OF THE WRITING OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

It is generally accepted that John wrote this book between AD 85-90 even though some hold to the belief he wrote it before the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70.

THE PURPOSE FOR JOHN WRITING HIS GOSPEL

“And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 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

I AM A PROCLAMATION OF DEITY

God used “I AM” of Himself when speaking to Moses (Ex. 3:14). When Moses asked God who should he say sent him to the Hebrews in Egyptian bondage God replied by saying “tell them, “I AM THAT I AM...I am hath sent me to you.” In essence God was saying “I am who I am” or “I will be what I will be.” This is a statement of God’s self-existence, He is not dependent on anyone or anything outside of Himself for assistance.

JESUS ALSO USED “I AM” OF HIMSELF (Jn. 8:58)

- The Bread of Life (Jn. 6:35, 48).
- The Light of the Word (Jn. 8:12).
- The Door (Jn. 10:7).
- The Good Shepherd (10:11, 14).
- The Resurrection and the Life (Jn. 10:25).

- The Way, the Truth and the Life (Jn. 14:6).
- The True Vine (15:1).

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD IN THE BOOK OF JOHN

- Nathaniel discovered He is a God who knows our every move (1:45-49)
- Peter found He is a God who has the Words of eternal life (Jn. 6:69)
- Martha believed He is a God who could give physical and spiritual life (Jn. 11:21-27)
- Thomas' eyes were opened to the fact that He is a God who removes all doubt (Jn. 20:24-28)