



# LIFE GROUPS

**THIS IS MY BIBLE**  
**Part 5: ALL ABOUT JESUS**  
**GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
**LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS**

## **GETTING STARTED**

“For centuries, each of the gospels has been depicted by characteristic images: Matthew a lion, representing the kingliness of Jesus; Mark is an ox, showing the servanthood of Jesus; Luke is a man, revealing the humanity of Christ, and John, the eagle representing eternal mysteries and eternal truths of Jesus.” -William Barclay

1. John mentions the very purpose of his gospel in chapter 20:31. Read this verse and discuss.
2. In case you didn't know, John the Apostle and John the Baptist are two different people (nothing to discuss, just wanted you to make a note of that).
3. Can you guess the most famous verse in the entire bible? Discuss which one it is (hint: it's in the gospel of John).

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

John the Apostle is described as the disciple “whom Jesus loved.” He was an eye witness and a disciple. He was also closely associated with Peter, who along with James and John, made up the “inner circle” of disciples closest to Jesus. John the Apostle also wrote 1, 2, 3 John and Revelation.

92% of the material in John is found only in John. This is the highest percentage of unique material among the four gospels.

1. Unlike Matthew and Luke, John did not record the birth of Jesus. Instead he begins with Jesus' eternal, preexistent relationship with God the Father. Read John 1:1-4. Discuss the meaning and significance of these verses.

2. John alone records the wedding at Cana (chapter 2), Jesus' discussion with Nicodemus (chapter 3), the Samaritan woman at the well (chapter 4), the raising of Lazarus (chapter 11), and Jesus' washing of the disciples feet (chapter 13). Look up each story and discuss some of the important moments.
3. In John 18:15-27, he records the denial of Peter. Why do you think Peter denied Jesus three times?
4. Before Jesus died on the cross he gave John the Apostle the responsibility for taking care of his mother, Mary (19:26-27). Could you imagine what an honor that would have been for John? Discuss
5. John's gospel closes with him emphasizing Jesus' numerous appearances after His death and resurrection (chapters 20, 21). Why do you think John goes into such great detail?

### **APPLYING THE MESSAGE**

1. John's purpose for writing this gospel is found in chapter 20:30. Read that verse out loud. Do you believe that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God? Do you believe that because of Jesus, you will have eternal life?
2. OPTIONAL: Share with each person in your group when and where you gave your life to Jesus and accepted Him as your Lord and Savior.