

Jesus: The Greatest Show on Earth

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I. Gospel of John

A. John wrote from what he experienced first hand.

1. *John 20:30*

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples (I was one of them), which are not recorded in this book

2. *John 21:25*

Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

3. Why John wrote his gospel.

a. *John 20:31*

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

B. Authenticity of John's work

1. The Rylands Papryus of P52

2. Polycarp

II. It's all about Jesus

A. *John 1:1-5*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

1. What or Who is the Word?

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

B. *John 1:1*

In the beginning

C. *John 1:1*

In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God

1. John begins his Gospel with an affirmation of Jesus' preexistence and full deity.

D. *John 1:1*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1. Misguided forms of the Christian faith stem from getting the answer to the question wrong.

a. Jehovah's witnesses teach that Jesus is not God but rather A God.

1. *John 1:1 NWT change*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was "A" God.

b. Mormonism- Jesus is God... but started out as a man

1. Joseph Smith

"And you have got to learn how to be gods yourselves, and to be kings and priests to God, the same as all gods have done before you, namely, by going from one small degree to another, and from a small capacity to a great one; from grace to grace, from exaltation to exaltation..."

2. "As man now is , God once was, as God is now man may be."

c. *Isaiah 43:10*

...Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me.

E. *John 1:1-2*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning.

1. The Word Is Eternal

F. *John 1:3*

Through him all things were made;

1. The Word is Creator

G. *John 1:3b*

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

H. *John 1:4*

In him was life...

1. The Word is Life

2. *John 10:10*

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

H. *John 1:4b*

In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

I. *John 1:5*

The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood (overcome,extinguish) it.

1. THE WORD IS LIGHT

III. Response

A. How do you respond to this message? What do you do with what John wrote?

1. The most important question we can answer is “who is Jesus?”

2. If saved -

John 1:6-7

*There came a man who was sent from God: his name was John.
7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that
through him all men might believe.*

a. Our job- witnessing about our Savior

b. who are you inviting to Reveal?

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3. If you have not responded to Jesus- why?

John 1:9-10

*The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.
10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him,
the world did not recognize him.*

4. *John 1:11*

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him

a. We can hear, but not hear!!

5. *John 1:12*

*Yet all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he
gave the right to become children of God.*

IV. Conclusion