



Session One:
Introduction to John
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If someone were to ask you which books in the Bible bear examination first, what would you say? Are you a “start at the beginning with Genesis” advocate, or do you look at the spectrum of material from Eden to Patmos and focus on the high points? If you wanted to develop an understanding of the Book, the best place to go might be to the book that introduces the main character in the most specific fashion!

The Bible is not a passive, historical document, but rather an active, living Word from Almighty God. His purpose in delivering the Scriptures is a relationship! The one book written with that agenda specifically in view is the Gospel of John!

1. **An Introduction to the Purpose of the Book**

- a. The opportunity for belief
John 20:30-31a
- b. The outcome of belief
John 20:31b

2. **An Introduction to the Person of the Book**

- a. His identity as the Son of God
John 1:1-2
- b. His history as the Creator
John 1:3

- c. His centrality to the creation
John 1:4-9
- d. His availability to the race
John 1:10-13
- e. His personality in the incarnation
John 1:14

3. **An Introduction to the Period of the Book**

- a. The forerunner of the movement
 - His mission
John 1:15a
 - His message
John 1:15b-18
- b. The forecast of the one to come
John 1:19-28
- c. The formal introduction of the central figure
John 1:29-34

4. **An Introduction to the Participants in the Book**

- a. Andrew the Seeker
John 1:35-39
- b. Peter the Businessman
John 1:40-42
- c. Philip the Theologian
John 1:43-44
- d. Nathaniel the Skeptical
John 1:45-51