

John # 2 “The Word” John 1:1

Much of the failure in the world today can be traced to the lack of responsibility of fathers.

Failure does not keep us from spiritual growth as much as discouragement does.

So, we must stay focused; avoid distraction, discouragement and anxiety; recover quickly from failure and keep moving forward.

John is not only concerned with the facts but with the issues behind the facts.

If we read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John objectively, we realize that our greatest decision in life must be made.

It may have been made before John is read but if not, the elephant in the room can no longer be avoided.

The Gospel of John challenges us to choose and receive Jesus Christ to be saved or to reject Him and perish forever in the Second death.

MML show us the Lord Jesus outwardly: John reveals Him inwardly.

MML emphasize His humanity: John uncovers His deity.

MML concern themselves mainly with our Lord’s public speeches; John focuses on His private conversations; His conflicts with Jewish leaders and His intimate teaching of His inner circle of disciples.

MML follow Jesus’ Galilean ministry; John, His Judaeen ministry.

While MML are historically accurate; John is also but he adds advanced doctrinal content.

Matthew and Luke begin with Jesus’ human genealogy in fulfilment of Jewish prophecy;

John begins with an unveiling of the divine revelation of that which was eternal to support his purpose in proclaiming that “these are written you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God and that by believing, you may have life in His name.”

Jesus Christ is the Creator who provides for all created life; specifically, mankind by sacrificially giving Himself to be our Savior and therefore, our greatest Friend.

And John’s Gospel demonstrates this point by recording our Lord’s personal interviews with people like Nicodemus and the Samaritan Woman at the well.

Jesus Christ is man’s greatest Friend as John refers to Him as the Bridegroom and us the Bride, the Vine and us the branches and the Living water.

Our Lord’s deity is revealed in every chapter:

1:49; 2:11; 3:16; 4:26; 5:25; 6:33; 7:37; 8:58; 9:37; 10:30; 11:27; 12:32; 13:13; 14:1; 15:5; 16:7; 17:1; 18:37; 19:30; 20:28; 21:22.

I. Prologue-Chapter 1

A. Deity and Incarnation 1:1-18 B. Identification 1:19-51

II. Book of Signs-Chapters 2-12 (Public ministry)

His Glory revealed:

A. In works (7 signs) B. In words (7 Discourses)

III. Book of Service-Chapters 13-17 (Private Ministry)

His teaching on:

A. Passover B. Preparation C. Prayer

IV. Book of Sacrifice-Chapters 18-21 (Passion Ministry)

A. In suffering and death B. In resurrection and life

V. Epilogue-Chapter 21

The Word is John's first title used for the Lord Jesus Christ as the eternally existent One.

Of the many men who died by crucifixion in history, only One was unique; the Lord Jesus Christ, the God-man.