

## **“The Best Of Times”**

*John 7:37-39; Exodus 3:10-14; Galatians 1:6-9; John 8:39-47; Genesis 2; Ezekiel 47; Rev 22*

**The Apostle John records no parables in his Gospel but he does provide seven sign-miracles, eight if we include our Lord’s resurrection and interestingly, five of John’s documented signs are not recorded in Matthew, Mark or Luke.**

In John’s Gospel, Jesus’ sermons center around His Person rather than His teaching concerning the kingdom and His offer of it.

*John is quite concerned with dialogue so he gives us multiple interviews regarding Jesus’ relationship to certain individuals and their reactionary rejection of Him or their response of faith in Him.*

**The Apostle John wrote his Gospel to reveal the Living Word, the Son of God Who is our God and our friend at the same time.**

And why did John seek to link his Gospel with Genesis, the first book in the Bible?

*To establish in our minds from the outset that Jesus Christ is the Creator of the world and all that is in it; He is God of very God in a unique Person as the God-man.*

And that means He can easily meet the needs of His creation and that all begins with man’s greatest need

to find His origin and seek His salvation thus creating and cultivating an intimate abiding fellowship with

His Creator and Savior forever and ever.

**Jesus Christ is God and He proves it in many ways such as His use of ‘I AM’ statements recorded in the Gospel of John to demonstrate that He is Who He claims to be and therefore as God He can easily meet the needs of His creation.**

The Apostle John knows and wants us to know that

‘I AM’ ego eimi in Greek, identifies Jesus Christ with the covenant Name of Jehovah God in the

Old Testament.

*John uses ‘believe’ 98 times in his Gospel to indicate that salvation comes by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone, period!*

**The attack on God’s Gospel of grace continues to this day but the names have been changed and the words have been modified so today we often hear: “Unless you’ve been baptized, you can’t be saved” or “Unless you continue in good works, you can’t be saved”**

**or “Unless you surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, you can’t be saved.”**

**These attacks on the Gospel did not originate with man; they came from the carefully orchestrated work of our Adversary, Satan, who far too often uses his own demon agents to influence misguided Christians.**

**The Pharisees must have sought the Scriptures, the Mosaic law which was of paramount importance to them but they were religious, therefore blinded to the truth and misguided, so much so that they couldn’t recognize their own Messiah, the Son of God Himself among them.**

**Sadly, it’s a similar situation today with multiple attacks on the Gospel of God’s grace provided freely to us but very costly to God.**

***The Gospel is simple; Believe on Jesus Christ and have eternal life and only that can assure us of our salvation and we must never forget that this will not under any circumstances, be accomplished without the ministry of God the Holy Spirit in us to the glory of Jesus Christ for us!***

**In the presentation of the Gospel, the mental attitude of the hearer cannot be overstated.**

**The Church Age is unique with many privileges.**

***1. Union with Christ***

***2. The plan of God***

***3. Mystery Doctrine***

***4. Our Eternal Savings Account***

***5. The Equality Factor***

***6. The Royal Commissions***

***7. The Indwelling Trinity***