

Introduction to I John

The Gospels	Matthew	Mark	Luke
Purpose - Good News - Jesus - Each writer gives a different perspective - Gives us a fuller picture of God, the Messiah, the Savior, the King Message - Birth - coming to the world in human form - Ministry - baptism, miracles, wisdom, justice - Death and Burial - Resurrection	- apostle, tax collector - Was Jewish writing to a Jewish audience - Fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets - Genealogy (1:1) - Promised Messiah - Jesus as King of the Jews - Emphasized the teachings of Jesus - Beatitudes and Sermon on the Mount (5-7)	- apostle, aided Peter, missionary - Action writer - miracles and the power of God - Showing Jesus as the Son of God - authority - Jesus as the suffering Servant	- Gentile - Physician - Shows Jesus as the compassionate Savior of the World (Jew and Gentile) - Accurate historical account of Jesus' life and ministry (Lk 1:1-4) - Writer of the book of Acts (Acts 1:1-5) - No Jewish person writing for a non-Jewish audience

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John	"I AM"	He Is	John
- Apostle - Jesus is the Word of God (1:1) - Jesus is God (1:1) - God come to earth in human form (1:14) - Purpose - that people believe that Jesus is the Christ, Son of God, and by believing you can have life in His name (20:30-31) - Son of God is the source of eternal life - Most likely written long after the others - possibly around 80-90 AD	Purpose - Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, is God I AM the bread of life (6:35, 41, 48, 51) - provides spiritual nourishment - satisfies the soul of man that longs for God I AM the light of the world (8:12; 9:5) - offers light of eternal life to a world lost in darkness I AM the door (10:7, 9) - the only way to enter into God's will and find salvation I AM the good shepherd (10:11, 14) - protects, cares for, knows his sheep, lays down his life for them I AM the resurrection and the life (11:25) - for those who believe - death is not an end - beginning of eternal life I AM the way, the truth, and the life (14:6) - only path to God, the ultimate truth, source of eternal life I AM the vine (15:1-5) - source of life that we draw from to produce fruit	I AM - Ex 3:14 - signifies God's eternal, self-existent nature - Jesus was making a bold claim to be the eternal God of Israel - I am the Christ (4:26) - I am the one who can save you from your sins (8:21-30) - Pre-existent one (8:58) - I am the Son of God (10:36) - Teacher and Lord (13:13) - Knows all things (13:19) - I am in the Father and the Father is in Me (14:10-11; 20) - Power of God in His name - I AM HE (18:5-8) - I AM a king (18:37)	He is not John the Baptist (Mt 3:1-4:12) Jesus calls him to follow Him (Matt 4:18-22) - was a fisherman with his brother James - Sons of Zebedee - Sons of thunder (Mk 3:17) - Partners with Peter (Lk 5:10) Asked for special preference (Mt 20:20-28; Mk 10:35-41) Jesus' Inner Circle - Transfiguration (Mt 17:1-8; Mk 9:2) - Jesus raised the girl from the dead (Mk 5:35-43) - Garden of Gethsemane (Mk 14:32-42) - In the upper room (Jn 13:23) - Put His mother in John's care (Jn 19:25-27) - One of the first to the tomb (Jn 20:1-10) - Jesus charges him (21:15-25)