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John

What is the book of John?

- The Gospel of John is a collection of stories about Jesus. It includes Jesus' words and teachings. The stories and teachings were passed down by Jesus' followers who lived and worked with him.
- John told his gospel story in a new and different way from the other gospel writers. Yet the stories and teachings recorded by John agree with the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke.
- It's thought that John wrote his gospel down between the years AD 85 and 90.

Who was John written for?

- For Jewish and Gentile believers who lived throughout the lands controlled by the Roman government.
- For people who didn't know who Jesus is.
- Followers of Jesus recognise that John's gospel shares the truth about Jesus. It's for all people everywhere.

Why was John written?

- To help believers throughout Roman lands understand more about Jesus and follow him faithfully.
- To help people who didn't know about Jesus to believe that he is the Messiah and God's Son.
- To invite everyone to receive the gift of eternal life from Jesus.

Main ideas

- Jesus as the Word of God, the Messiah and the Son of God.
- The seven I am statements.
- The seven signs Jesus did that show he is the Messiah.
- The seven witnesses to Jesus.

Outline

The Word became a human being (1:1-18).

The beginning of Jesus' work and service (1:19-51).

Jesus teaches in public and performs seven signs (2 - 11).

The last week of Jesus' life (12 - 19).

Jesus is raised from the dead (20).

Jesus spends time with the disciples (21).