

# St. John's Gospel - Outline

- Senses of Scripture
  - **Literal:** Primary. Direct meaning conveyed by the text itself (The Israelites literally crossed the red sea)
  - **Allegorical:** How do the people, events, or things in Scripture prefigure or symbolize Christ. This uncovers deeper theological truths hidden in the literal narrative.
  - **Moral:** Applying the Scripture to ethical living and personal conduct; how to act justly and grow in virtue.
  - **Anagogical:** Raising our eyes to eternal realities. Eternal significance.
- Reason for this Gospel
  - **John 20:31** “**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.**”
  - **John 21:25** **But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.**”
- Theological Themes
  - Life vs Death
  - Light vs Dark
  - World vs Heaven/Faith
  - Jesus as the fulfillment
  - Glory of the Father
- Prologue
  - Different than the synoptics
  - John 1 communicates that this gospel is both theological and pastoral over being a primarily biographical book.
- The Book of Signs 1:19-12:50
  - Wedding Feast of Cana 2:1-11
  - Healing the royal official's son in Capernaum 4:46-54
  - Healing the paralytic at the pool of Bethesda 5:1-15
  - Feeding the 5,000 John 6:5-14
  - Walking on Water 6:16-21

- Healing the man born blind 9:1-7
- Raising Lazarus from the dead 11:1-45
- The Book of Glory John 13:1-20:25
  - Glory defined as a revealing of God's true nature which is love
    - Both points to the divinity of Jesus, and the power of the Father in His will
  - Notice there isn't an institution narrative in John's Gospel, but rather our Eucharistic understanding is fed by John 6 (The Bread of Life Discourse)
  - High Priestly Prayer 17:1-26
    - Notice the consistent returning to the glorification of the One who sent Him
  - Passion Narrative
    - Jesus remains calm and sovereign throughout the passion narrative and ties Himself to the God of Abraham using the familiar title 'I Am'.
- Epilogue
  - Moves us from Christology to Ecclesiology seeing the apostles begin their role, and the Church in action.
- Familiar "I Am" Statements Throughout the Gospel
  - I am the bread of life: John 6
  - I am the light of the world John 8
  - I am the door (gate) for the sheep 8:12, 9:5
  - I am the good shepherd John 10
  - I am the resurrection and the life John 11
  - I am the way, and the truth, and the life John 14
  - I am the true vine John 15