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Intro to The Apostle John

The Apostle John is one of the more interesting characters in biblical history. On the one hand, he has a prominent role in the Gospel stories—as one of the earliest disciples of Jesus, as one of the “inner circle” along with Peter and James, who witnessed the raising of Jairus’ daughter, the transfiguration, and was present with Jesus at Gethsemane. On the other hand, relatively little is known about his life and ministry as an apostle. He is cited as being alongside Peter in the early chapters of the Book of Acts but does not appear in any instance on his own. It is unclear what his role was in the church in Jerusalem or if he had any role in planting churches outside of Jerusalem.

From what little we do know; however, it is easy to surmise that he had a close relationship with Jesus. Not only was he present at many significant moments during Jesus’ earthly ministry, but he is the only disciple recorded as being present at the crucifixion and was entrusted with the care of Mary, Jesus’ mother (John 19:26-27). On top of that, he also authored five New Testament books, including the Gospel, three letters, and the Book of Revelation—each of which speak intimately about Jesus.

What can we take away from a study of his life? First, it ought to be an encouragement to us to pursue intimacy with Jesus. While many would call themselves Christians, few pursue the kind of intimate relationships that John had with Jesus. Second, it ought to challenge us to be trustworthy the way John was. It is no small thing that Jesus entrusted the care of His mother to this man. What’s more, He entrusted him with the care of His churches as well (Rev. 1:11). May we pursue that kind of faithfulness with whatever God has entrusted to us!

Read and Reflect *(Use this section to write down any thoughts you had on the sermon. Make sure to note any questions you had about something in the passage or in the sermon.)*

Read John 19:23-30

“Trusting Jesus”

John Trusted Jesus

- Enough to be his Savior

- Enough to forsake prosperity

- Enough to remain anonymous

- Enough to risk his life

Jesus trusted John

- With close friendship

- With His Gospel

- With His mother

