



John the Apostle



*What do you
know most about
John the Apostle?*



Who was John the Apostle?

- ▶ **Occupation**– Fisherman later a Apostle of Jesus Christ (Mt.4:21)
- ▶ **Parents**– Father Zebedee,(Mk. 1:19–20) Mother Salome (Mt. 27:56; Mk.15:40)
- ▶ **Family**– Brother James (martyred in Acts 12); He was a first cousin of Jesus (his mother was Salome, a sister of Mary (Mt. 27:56; Mk. 16:1; Jn. 19:25).
- ▶ **Education**– Uneducated –Acts 4:13, “Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.”
- ▶ One of John the Baptist’s disciples. (Jn. 1:35)
- ▶ **Contemporaries** – Jesus, other Apostles, Paul, and Luke

What was John's nickname as found in scripture?

- ▶ Sons of Thunder (Mk. 3:17; Lk. 9:54)
- ▶ The disciple whom Jesus loved. (Jn. 13:23, Jn. 19:26)
- ▶ The apostle of love. (John 13:23–25; 20:2; 1 John)



What strengths and accomplishments do we see in John?

- ▶ One of the 12 disciples of the Jesus and one of the inner three, closest to Jesus, along with Peter and James.
- ▶ John and Peter were sent to prepare for the Passover. (Luke 22:8–13)
- ▶ John accompanied Peter. (Acts 3–4)
- ▶ John was exiled to the isle of Patmos. (Revelation 1:9)
- ▶ A trustworthy man. (John 19:26, 27)
- ▶ John was the keeper of Mary after Jesus died upon the cross. (John 19:26,27)
- ▶ An uneducated and untrained man. (Acts 4:13)
- ▶ A pillar. (Galatians 2:9)

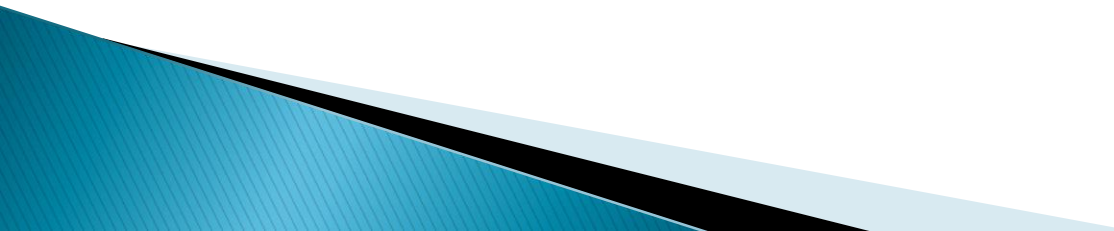
Describe John's relationship with God.

- ▶ John's name is short for Jehohanan which means "Yahweh is gracious."
- ▶ Example of a transformed life and had a great love for God.
 - John 21:20 – 24

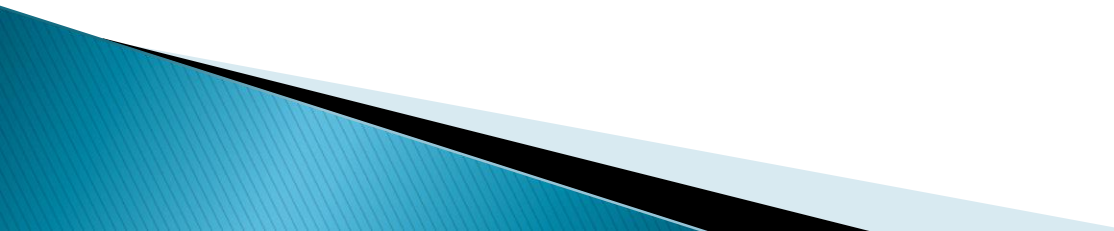
What significant mistakes or weaknesses did John seem to have?

- ▶ In Lk. 9:54 wanted to destroy a Samaritan village because they did not believe in Jesus.
- ▶ Mark 3:17 James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder);
- ▶ His mother asked if he and his brother could have a special position in Jesus' kingdom. Mt. 20:20 –23

How many books of the Bible did John write? List them.

- ▶ 5 books of the NT
 - Gospel of John
 - 1,2,3 John
 - Revelation
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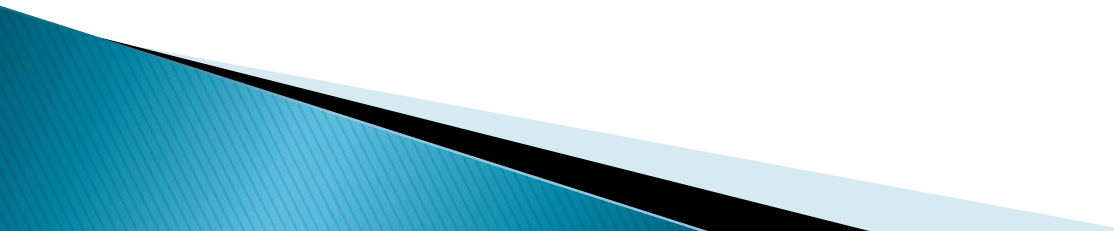
Describe John's missionary efforts.

- ▶ Mt. 28; 18–20 and Acts 1:8
 - ▶ Preached throughout Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria
 - ▶ Ministered in Ephesus
 - ▶ Was exiled for his faith Rev. 1
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Describe the persecution John received and how tradition tells us he died.

- ▶ He suffered under persecution, and was banished to Patmos (Rev.1:9); whence he again returned to Ephesus, where he died, probably about A.D. 98, having outlived all or nearly all the friends and companions even of his mature years. There are many interesting traditions regarding John during his residence at Ephesus, but these cannot claim the character of historical truth.

What is the primary lesson of John's life that is profitable to you?

- ▶ When God changes a life, he does not take away personality characteristics, but puts them to effective use in his service.
 - ▶ Those who realize how much they are loved are able to love much.
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*We LOVE because
He first LOVED us.*

1 John 4:19