

John

“A Simple Man who Experienced Christ’s Love”

“John lived his life in the _____ of others but found worth through Christ’s Love.”

“And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and _____ his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they _____ left the ship and their father, and followed him.” Matthew 4:21-22

I. Background of John

- A. He was the _____ son of a _____ family

- B. Many feels John was the _____ of the apostles

“And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not _____: and _____ forbad him, because he followeth not _____.³⁹ But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me.⁴⁰ For he that is not against us is on our part.” Mark 9:38-40

- C. Jesus called him and his brother James the “_____”

- D. Seemed to be in a secondary _____ in groups and lists

- E. Was part of the “inner circle” of disciples

“Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.²⁶ When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he _____, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!²⁷ Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.” John 19:25-27

- F. Jesus entrusted John with the care of _____, his mother

- G. Wrote more of the New Testament than any other _____
 - 1. Lived well past the other _____
 - 2. Wrote the last of the _____ records - _____ years after Christ

3. Three Johns & Revelation written ____ years after Christ

- 1 John –
- 2 John –
- 3 John –
- Revelation –

H. Dominate place within the early establishment of the church

1. John's name appears only second to Peter within New Testament - _____ times
2. John was second to Peter of early church leaders – Galatians 2:9

I. Seemed Emotionally vs. _____ based

“These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. ¹²This is my commandment, That ye _____ one another, as I have _____ you. ¹³Greater _____ hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:11-13

II. Life and Growth of John while traveling with _____

A. John learned _____ from Jesus

1. He enjoyed a special _____ with Christ

2. He heard Christ's _____ on love

3. He observed Christ's _____ of love

4. He _____ of Christ's love

“But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the _____, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.” John 20:31

B. John came to a place of _____ in Jesus' deity

“Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. ³⁴A _____ commandment I give unto you, That ye _____ one another; as I have _____ you, that ye also _____ one another. ³⁵By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have _____ one to another.” John 13:33-35

III. Lessons from John’s Life

“Jesus Christ has made it possible for us to be a part of a dynamic community of love that not only meets our own needs but _____ to the world that Jesus Christ is the incarnate Son of God!”

“A new commandment” –

“That ye love one another;” –

Why this Command of Christ to love one another –

1. The Example of Christ –

2. The Reputation of Believers –

“Such love will not only bring unbelievers to Christ, it will also keep believers strong and united in a world hostile to God” Life Application Bible pg. 1836

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