

# The life of Jesus Christ

- ▶ The focal point of the Bible
  - The hope of the Old Testament
  - The foundation of the New Testament
  
- ▶ Two formats
  - The Synoptic Gospels
    - Matthew
    - Mark
    - Luke
  - The Gospel of John
    - 7 miracles
    - long discourses
    - passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ
  
- ▶ The Gospel of John
  - Purpose: John 20:30-31
    - Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God
    - Believe in Him and have life

# John at a Glance

<b>Jesus Christ is the Son of God</b>							
<b>Introduction</b>		<b>Public Ministry</b>		<b>Private Ministry</b>		<b>Death and Resurrection</b>	
<b>1:1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1:19</b>	<b>12:50</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>
		<b>7 miracles Discourses</b>		<b>Upper Room Discourse</b>			

## Jesus' seven I AM statements

1. the Bread of life  
John 6:35, 41, 48, 51
2. the Light of the world  
John 8:12
3. the Door of the sheepfold  
John 10:7, 9
4. the Good Shepherd  
John 10:11, 14
5. the Resurrection and the Life  
John 11:25
6. the Way, the Truth, the Life  
John 14:6
7. the True Vine  
John 15:1, 5

# The God Man

## John 1

### Introduction to John (1:1-18)

- ▶ Jesus Christ is the Son of God
- ▶ Jesus Christ is the Savior

### Introduction of Jesus (1:19-51)

- ▶ The witness of John the Baptist
- ▶ The witness of Andrew, Philip and Nathanael

# The introduction

## John 1:1-18

### Jesus is God

- ▶ A clear statement of His deity
  - a Person
  - distinct from God but equal to God
- ▶ Why the Word?
  - “Word” (LOGOS) used 32 times in John
  - A message (4:41, 50)
  - The means of salvation (8:31-32)
  - Proverbs 8
- ▶ The Word is life giving light

### Jesus is life

- ▶ A universal light
- ▶ A rejected light
- ▶ A received light
  - The distinguishing grace: the new birth
    - Not of blood
    - Not of the will of the flesh
    - Not of the will of man
    - Of God

### Jesus is the God Man

- ▶ He dwelt among us
- ▶ He displayed the glory of God
- ▶ He communicated the glory of God

# The introduction of Jesus

## John 1:19-51

### The witness of John in preaching

- ▶ No miracles
- ▶ Preaching repentance
- ▶ Announcing the Messiah
  - Not Messiah, Elijah, the Prophet
  - The voice of one . . . (Isaiah 40:1-8)
- ▶ Proclaiming the pre-eminence of Jesus

### The witness of John in introducing Jesus

- ▶ The Lamb of God . . .
- ▶ The One Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ The One Who is to be followed

### The witness of Andrew

- ▶ Rabbi – Teacher
- ▶ The Messiah – the Anointed One.

### The witness of Philip

- ▶ The Prophet that Moses wrote about
- ▶ The Expectation of the prophets.
- ▶ Jesus of Nazareth, son of Joseph

### The witness of Nathanael

- ▶ Biblical skepticism
- ▶ The Son of God, the King of Israel.

### The witness of Scripture

- ▶ Genesis 28:10-17
- ▶ The gate of heaven