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

### Jesus Christ is the Son of God

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**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