

**Christ, the Son of God**  
**Studies in the Gospel of John**

**The Sovereign God**  
**Lesson 2**  
**John 2**

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# Purpose Statement: John 20:30-31

- ▶ “Jesus” – the historical person
- ▶ “. . . is the Christ, the Son of God” – truly God
- ▶ “Believing” – His Person and Work
- ▶ “. . . life in His name” – eternal life

# The Prologue (1:1-18)

- ▶ Jesus is truly God – eternal existence and equality
- ▶ Jesus is the Creator
- ▶ Jesus is the only revelation of God
- ▶ Jesus is the only source of eternal life
- ▶ John the Baptist was sent by God to announce His coming
- ▶ The reception of Jesus Christ was mixed
- ▶ The reception of Jesus Christ is determined by the will of God
- ▶ Jesus is God in the flesh – truly human, and truly God
- ▶ Life is received by partaking of His fulness

## The Prologue Anticipates the Content of the Gospel of John

	Prologue	Gospel
The pre-existence of the Word or Son of God	1:1-2	17:5
In Him was life	1:4	5:26
Life is light	1:4	8:12
Light rejected by darkness	1:5	3:19
Light not quenched by darkness	1:5	12:35
The witness of John the Baptist	1:6-8, 15	1:19-36
Light coming into the world	1:9	3:19; 12:46
Christ not received by His own	1:11	4:44
Christ received by those not His own	1:12	4:40-42
Being born of God and not of flesh	1:13	3:6; 8:41-42
Seeing His glory	1:14	12:41
The only begotten Son	1:14, 18	3:16
Truth in Jesus Christ	1:17	14:6
No-one has seen God, except One Who comes from God	1:18	6:46

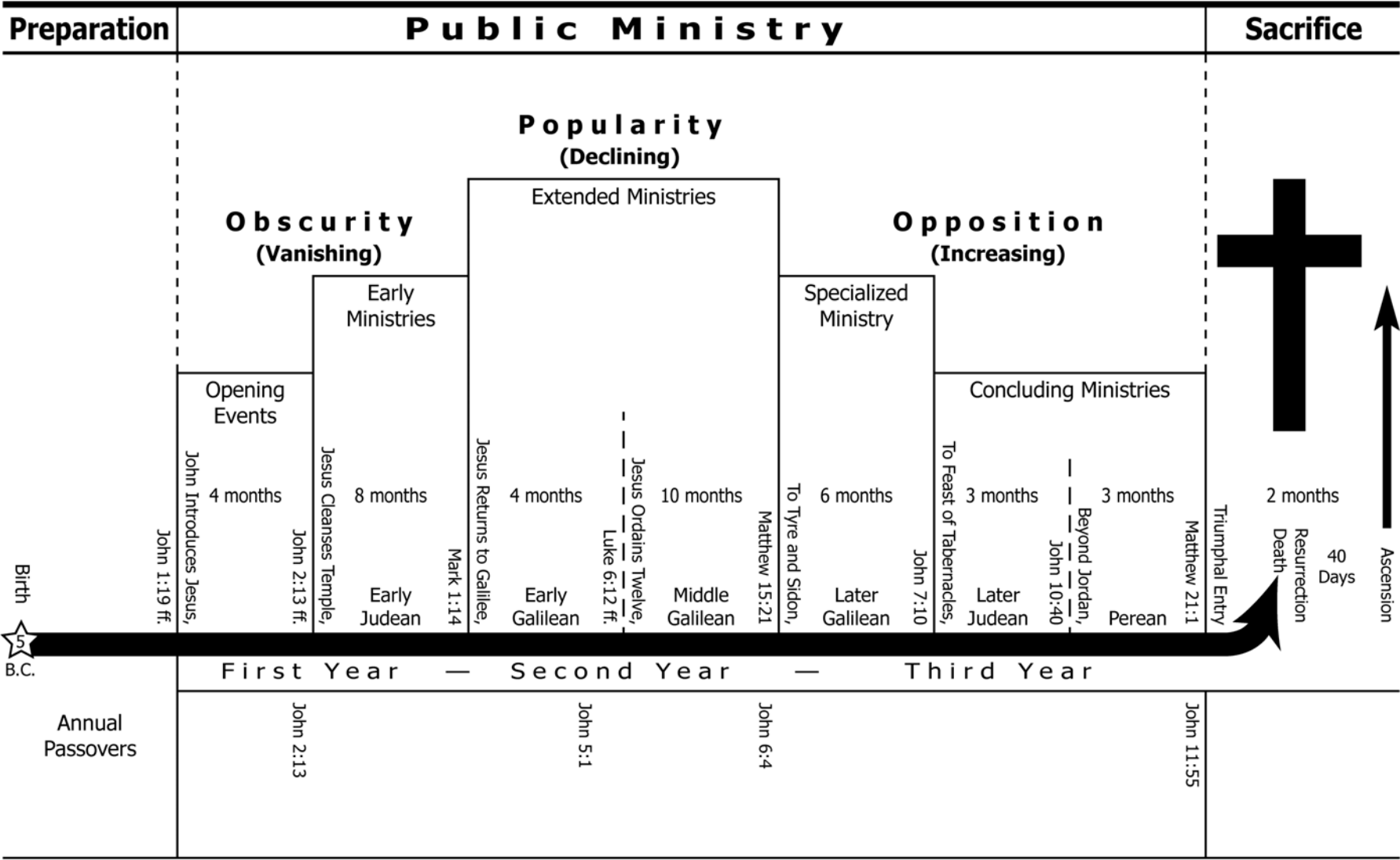
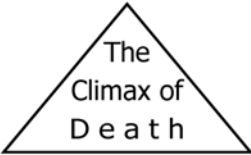
Carson, D. A. (1991). *The Gospel according to John* (pp. 110-111)

# The Life of Christ

**Phase I**  
He came . . . to minister



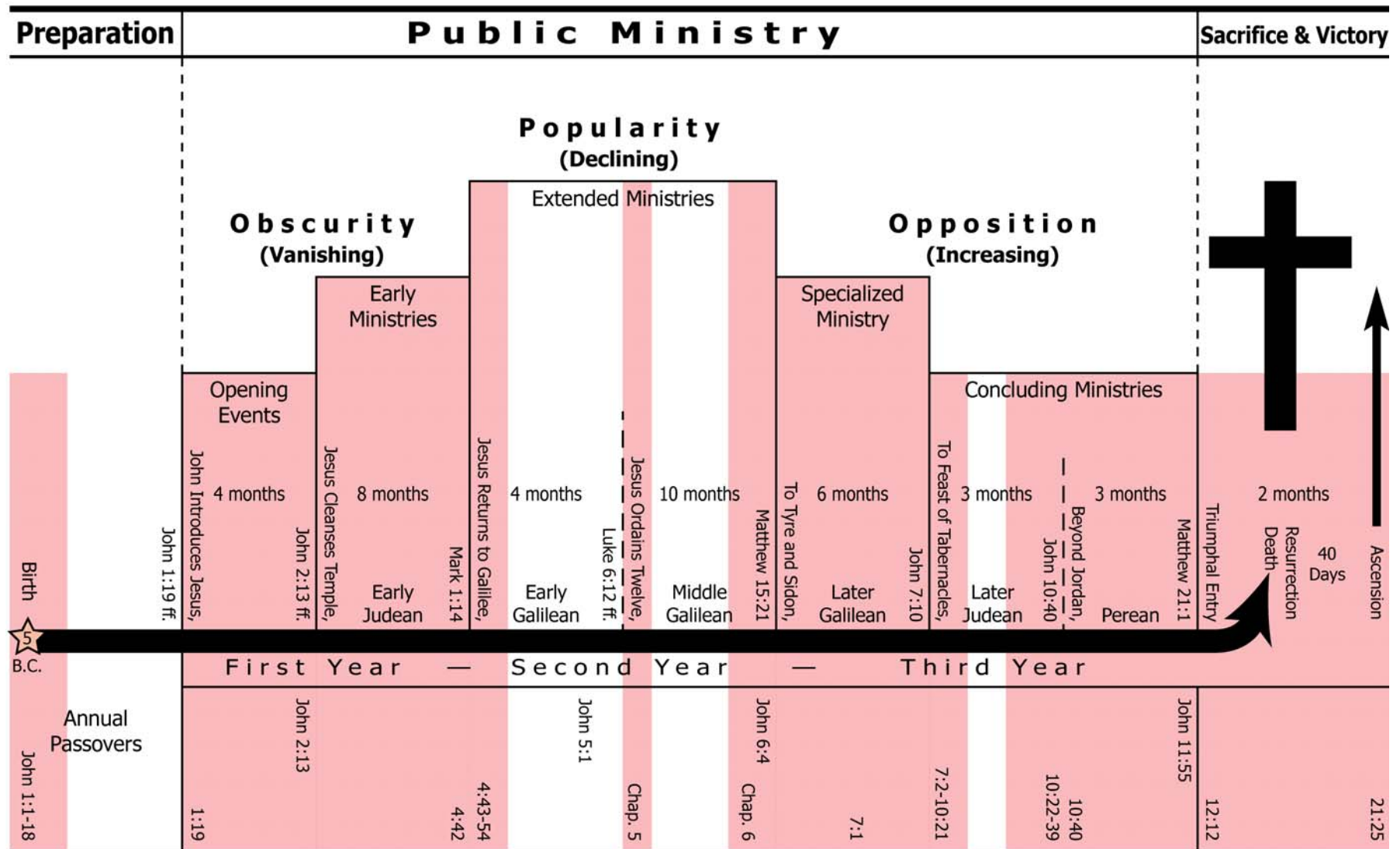
**Phase II**  
And to give His life a ransom  
(Mark 10:45)



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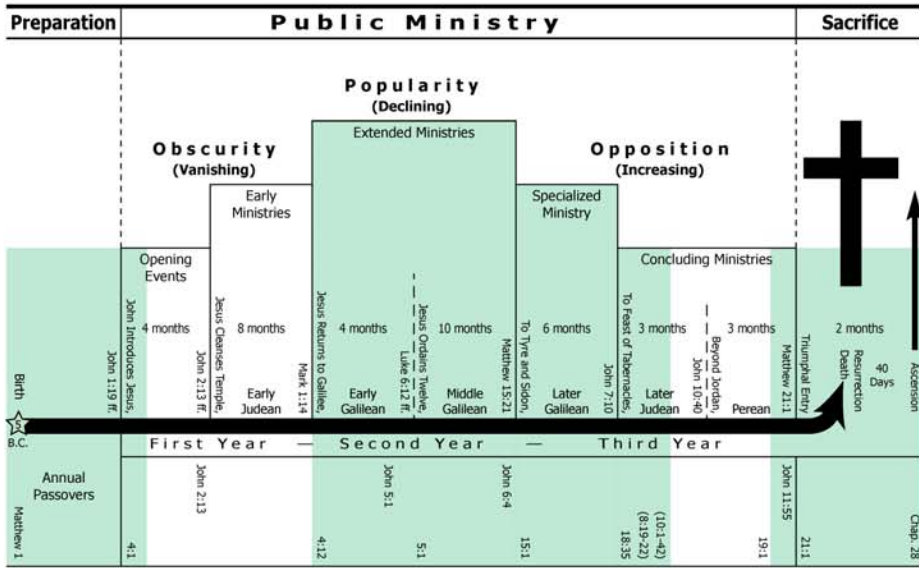
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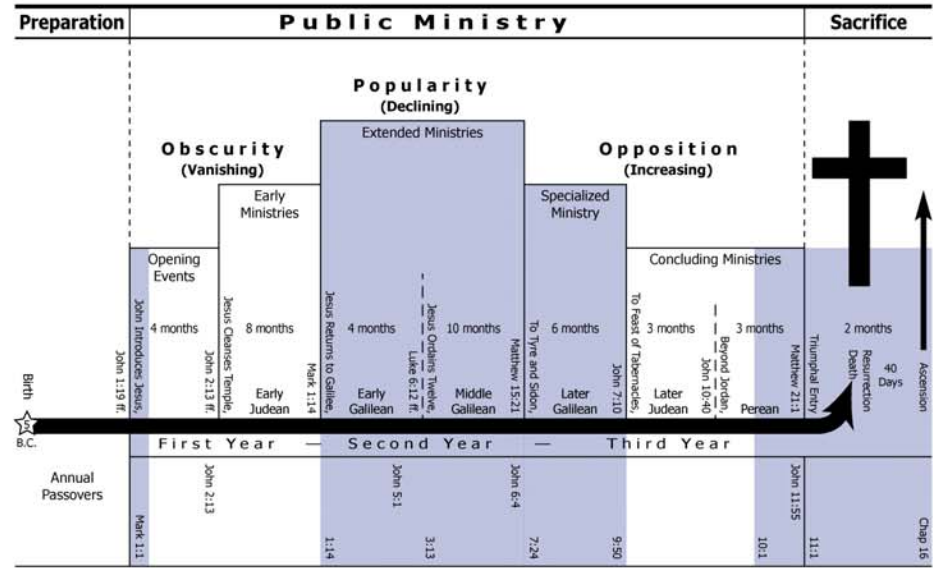


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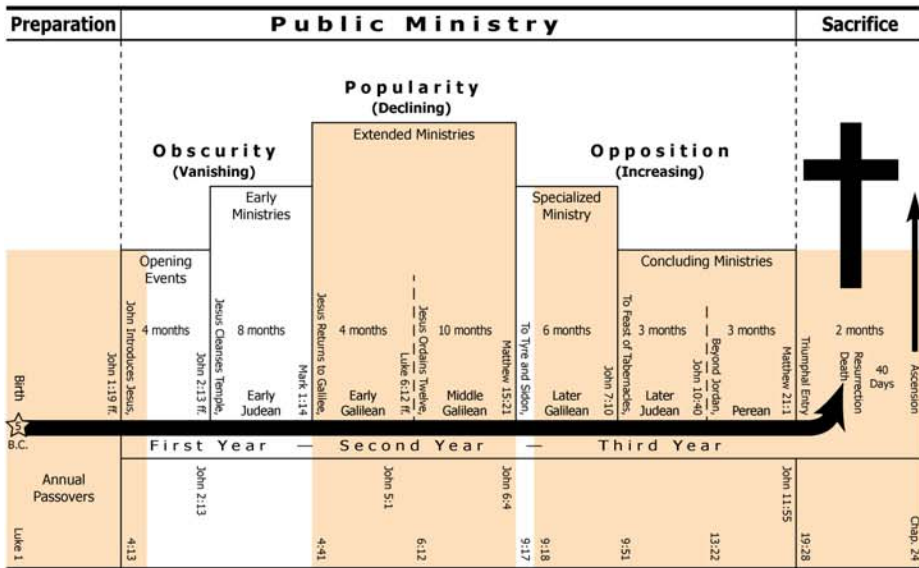
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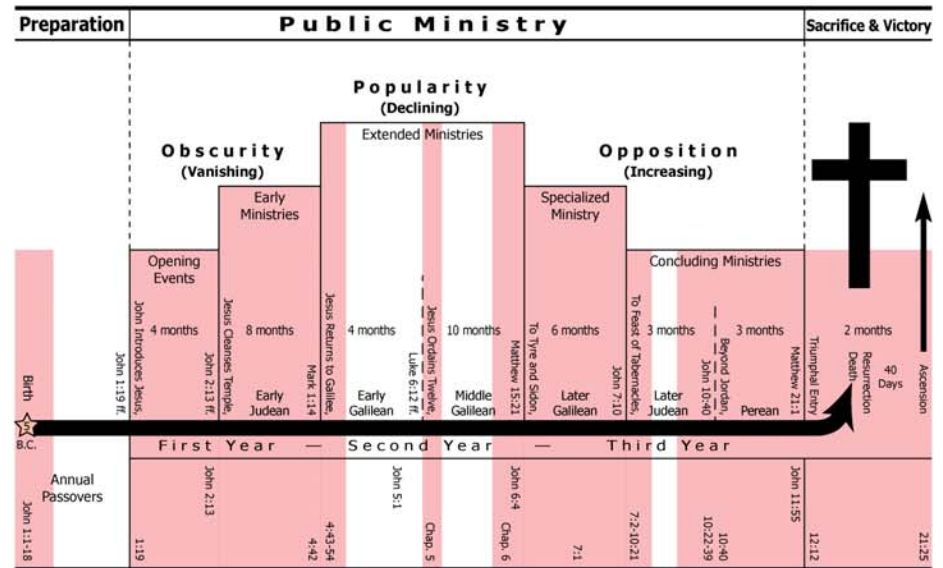
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Showing coverage by Luke (shaded)



Showing coverage by John (shaded)



# Outline of the Gospel of John

- ▶ The Prologue (1:1-18)
- ▶ The Introduction of Jesus Christ (1:19- 4:54)
- ▶ The Public Ministry of Jesus Christ -- Mounting Opposition (5-12)
- ▶ The Private Ministry of Jesus Christ with His Disciples (13-17)
- ▶ The Trial and Death of Jesus Christ (18-19)
- ▶ The Resurrection of Jesus Christ (20:1-29)
- ▶ The Purpose Statement by John (20:30-31)
- ▶ The Epilogue (21)



# Introduction of Jesus (1:19-49)

- ▶ Not the Christ
- ▶ Not Elijah
- ▶ Not the Prophet
- ▶ A voice . . . (Isaiah 40:3f) – preparing the way of the LORD
- ▶ One you do not know
- ▶ One more worthy than John, and He existed before John
- ▶ The Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world
- ▶ The Spirit of God is upon Him
- ▶ He will baptize with the Spirit of God
- ▶ The Son of God

# The Witness of the Disciples

## ▶ Andrew

- Rabbi (Teacher)
- The Messiah (Christ)

## ▶ Philip

- The one prophesied by Moses and the Prophets
- Jesus of Nazareth
- The son of Joseph

## ▶ Nathanael

- Son of God
- King of Israel

# Jesus' Response to His Introduction

- ▶ “You will see greater things than these”
- ▶ “You will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”
- ▶ Jacob's dream (Genesis 28:12-17)
- ▶ The gate of Heaven
- ▶ The Son of Man
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 15:21 – “Since by man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead.”

# The Sovereign God – John 2

- ▶ The beginning of signs (2:1-12)
- ▶ Cleansing the Temple (2:13-22)
- ▶ Many believed in His name (2:23-25)

# The First Miracle (2:1-12)

- ▶ A wedding feast in Cana of Galilee
- ▶ The mother of Jesus: “They have no wine.”
- ▶ “Woman, what does that have to do with us?”
- ▶ My hour has not yet come.”
  - The hour or the day
  - Limited by the will of the Father
- ▶ The miracle – best wine served last
- ▶ “Manifested His glory”
  - A picture of the ways of God v. the ways of man – best is not first
  - The Son of Man is the Son of God – the Creator
- ▶ The intended result: “His disciples believed in Him.”



# Cleansing the Temple (2:13-22)

- ▶ Temple business
- ▶ Jesus drives them out
- ▶ “Stop making My Father’s house a place of business.”
- ▶ The zeal of Jesus
- ▶ The Jews request a sign
- ▶ The sign of the resurrection
- ▶ We beheld His glory . . .

# Jesus' Response to their Faith (2:23-25)

- ▶ Many believed after observing His signs
- ▶ Jesus did not believe in them
- ▶ Jesus knew what was in all men
- ▶ What is true faith and how can it be obtained?

# The Sovereign God

- ▶ Trusting in the Lord
- ▶ Zealous for the glory of the Lord
- ▶ A lesson on how to have true faith – John 3