



CHRIST'S CHURCH
OF THE CANYON

Mid-Week Devotion
January 10, 2021

The Gospel of John: ***Not bad for a fisherman!***

Contrary to popular opinion the four Gospels included in the New Testament are not simply a compilation of diaries that four men journaled daily while following Jesus through the Judean countryside.

Journal entry:

"On Monday, July 31, 29AD Jesus went into town for some breakfast at 9AM and encountered some not very nice Pharisees. They said mean things to Him. He was really bugged with them and said..." Luke

The Gospels are four letters written by four distinct men from various backgrounds all being led by the Spirit of God as they wrote. And typically, several years following the events. The "synoptic" Gospels are Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In this instance, synoptic means that the Gospels just mentioned are very similar in their approach to chronicling the life of Jesus Christ. Places He travelled to, miracles He performed, and people He came in contact with. John takes a very different approach to what he writes. The Gospel of John contains more about Christ, His person, design, and work than any of the other Gospels. According to Barnes's Commentary the other evangelists focused more on recording the miracles and giving external evidence of the divine mission of Jesus. John spends most of his efforts in telling us what and who Christ was and His unique doctrine. John's chief aim was:

- To show Jesus as the Messiah
- To show directly from Jesus' own words what and who the Messiah was
- To show that Jesus was in fact God Himself

John 20:31 gives us John's ultimate reason for presenting us with his gospel,

"...but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that by believing you may have life in His name (NASB).

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Pr. Wayne

Prayers

Farmer Phil

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Upcoming Events

Starting next week, we'll be listing upcoming events, breakfasts, brunches, Bible Studies, youth activities, youth trips, children's program events, etc. to keep you up-to-date.