

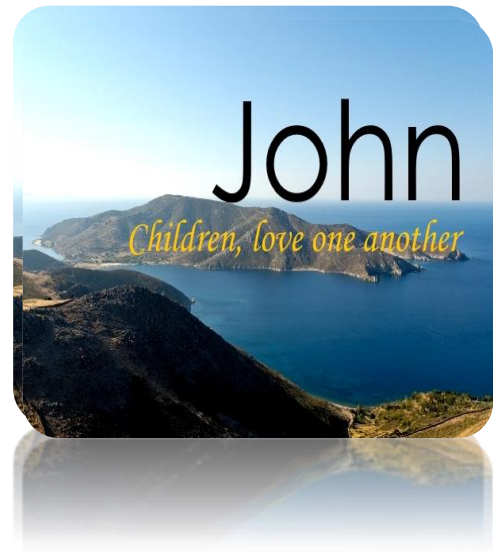
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The ancients tell us, John lived the longest of the 12 disciples; the original followers of the Lord; **eye-witnesses to Jesus Christ**. The Gospel of John circulated as early as 70ad and perhaps earlier since it contains no reference to the destruction of Jerusalem. John more than the others spoke about the nature of Christ – the Messiah of God, and the meaning of faith in Him.

In the last chapter John wrote about Jesus, presented by John the Baptist as :**The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world**; and also wrote about when He comes one day and appears very different, next time in power and great glory .



¹ And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there / what's her name?:

² And both Jesus and His **disciples / his **mathetes**, those doing the math putting the pieces together, were called to the marriage.**

³ And when they needed wine, the mother of Jesus / and for a second time, we ask: what's her name?

she said to him, They have no wine / the mother of Jesus was concerned that they ran out of wine! Which is so interesting, she is concerned the people don't have wine; while that old, worn out hocus pocus crowd who love traditions and crudely elevate her; **they refuse to provide wine for their people**. It's interesting, isn't it?



⁴ Jesus said to her, Woman / it is John, the disciple whom Jesus loved... **eye-witness to Jesus Christ**, who was inspired to tell this detail; which is consistent with what Jesus, when nailed to the cross, said about this woman,

Woman, what have I to do with you? My hour has not yet come / I'm sure she has a name; His reply is not very endearing; not much of a partnership developing here; the bible is so interesting, isn't it?

⁵ His mother / what's her name... said to the servants,

Whatever He says to you, do it / well, she got that right! So, whatever her name is... she is smart! You know, those who elevate this lady, making a bigger deal about her than we find in scripture seem to forget this verse, don't they? What this smart woman said is worth hearing a second time:

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⁶ And six stone waterpots were set there, after the Jewish custom of purifying the people, containing two or three firkins apiece / wow! So, if some might ask, what's a fricken firkin? It's a lot! 20 – 30 gallons each

Jesus the Vintner,

⁷ Jesus said to them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them to the brim.

⁸ And He said to them, Draw some out now, and take it to the headwaiter of the feast, and they took it / so they did what Jesus said.

⁹ When the headwaiter of the feast tasted the water that was made wine / this first miracle of Jesus recorded is to make wine... to keep the wedding party going! Yet another wasted verse in scripture... too embarrassing for some prudish legalists buried in their traditions... to swallow,

When the headwaiter of the feast tasted the water that was made wine... and did not know where it was from: (but the servants who drew the water knew); the headwaiter of the feast called the bridegroom / he could do that, he wasn't drinking and driving,

¹⁰ And said to him, Everyone serves the good wine at the beginning; and when men have freely drunk, then that which is worse: but you have kept back the good wine until now.

¹¹ This beginning of miracles Jesus did in Cana of Galilee,

and manifested forth His glory / I bet they all sang vigorously lifting their voices: What A Friend We Have In Jesus... since he made the good wine... ensuring many enjoyed the celebration.

it was definitely something to brag about;

and His disciples believed on Him.

¹² After this He went down to Capernaum / Jesus was on the move,

He, and His mother / what's her name?, and His brothers / younger siblings, and His disciples / those doing their math: and they continued there a few days.

¹³ And the Jewish Passover was near / the first of 3 annual festivals men were required to go to Jerusalem... these times centered on 3 of 7 great work Days... that especially belonging to the Lord. Read about those 7 Days in Leviticus 23; 3 last Days remain to be fulfilled by Jesus Christ / the Messiah,

so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.



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¹⁴ **And found in the temple** / in Greek, this word is: **hieron**. In the Gospels 2 very different words are confusingly translated: **temple**. **hieron** is used only in the Gospels and in the book of Acts... and means the **sacred buildings**; we could even say: the **hierarchy house**... that we all can imagine... at that place in old Jerusalem.

Jesus found in the hieron... those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money-changers sitting there / so apparently, all the religious hierarchy... with all their manmade traditions... had systematically co-opted that place for their own purposes:

¹⁵ **And when He made a whip from small cords, He drove everyone out of the temple including the sheep, and the oxen;** / the **hieron** which had become more like: a carnival; I guess it's inevitable; all those uncreative, joyless inventers... not inspired by the Spirit of God... do that,

and dumped the changers' money and overturned the tables / can you imagine? in other words, everything went flying! Including the doves and the money. Jesus was not making friends;

¹⁶ **And said to them who sold doves** / all starting... with good intentions: usually for the convenience of others... who could not be expected to bring their sacrifices from such long distances... though corrupting like a cancerous growth... into rents and fees for the purchase of every sacrifice with or without blemish; Dr. Gene Scott often said, if we have the choice between: easy or hard... **choose hard!**

Take these things from here; do not make my Father's house a house of merchandise / in Greek: **oikos**. Matthew 23, records the last time Jesus went to this place... this supposed sacred house; and, having argued with the religious leaders, He leaves these brick and stone buildings one last time... declaring: **Behold, your house -- no longer His Father's house**... is left to you - deserted, abandoned.

6 more times this word: merchandise... is use by John when the time of the Gentiles comes to an end; he writes **Revelation 18... merchants buying from the fallen, faithless whore -- Babylon the great**, some religious institution in the last days will look just like that bunch of carnival clowns; hey, check the NEWS.

¹⁷ **And His disciples remembered that it was written,**

they remembered: Psalm 69:9; it was familiar; the people of God could sing it,

The zeal for Your house consumes Me.

¹⁸ **Then the Jewish leaders said to Him** / these religious imposters who preferred their hocus pocus instead of the word of God, they respond to Jesus; so keep awake. These fake leaders create their own sacred sounding vocabulary... and weird habits, and exaggerated routines; drama to be seen of men...



What sign do You show us, seeing You do these things? / they demanded Jesus dazzle them with a miracle - evidence of His authority; since He had not been educated or commissioned by them.

¹⁹ **Jesus answered and said to them** / cutting through their drama, **Destroy this temple** / this Greek word is: **naos**... the nominative form meaning: **to dwell**; **a dwelling**. Here, it seems **naos** found its way into the sloppy religious sounding speech of the day: similar: when **holy days**... become: **holidays**! Or people who sneeze, and everybody is expected to respond: **Gaw-ble-cha!**

Jesus answered... Destroy this naos, and in three days I will raise it up.

²⁰ **Then the Jewish leaders said** / probably, with stares and smirks and jeers which often accompany charlatans clothed in envy and arrogance, those snarky, highly educated religious thugs who thought things like: **a kernel of corn found in the dung of a white she-ass, was a therapeutic cure for ailments.**

They said, Forty-six years was this temple / this **naos**; this **dwelling**; notice, they did **not** use the word: **hieron**; and was their romantic sentiment such that they endlessly caricatured words to mesmerize their audience? Things don't change much. For 1000 years, this generation knew and sang: **Psalm 91**... let's sing along: **He who dwells in the secret place of the most High... abides under the shadow of the Almighty**... and I bet, that is not a place of brick and stone. But because we all know: people listen to what they want to hear. So, can we hear their drama? Can we hear their intonations as they question the Lord?

Then said the Jewish leaders / with all the melodramatic tones we can imagine!

Forty-six years was this naos in building,
and will You raise it up in three days?

²¹ **But He spoke of the naos of his body** / Paul writes: **Do you not know that you are the naos of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?** If any defiles the **naos** of God, him will He destroy; for the **naos** of God is holy, which you are -- **1 Corinthians 3**.

He spoke of the naos of his body

²² **So, when He was risen from the dead, His disciples remembered He said this to them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus spoke.**

²³ **Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, on the feast day, many believed on His name, when they saw the miracles He did.**

²⁴ **But Jesus did not entrust Himself to them, because He knew all capricious men,**

²⁵ **And needed no one to testify concerning man: for He knew what was in man.**

His sheep hear His voice and follow Him