**Theme Verse**: John 20:31
"but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name."

**Key Word**: Believe (πιστεύω (98 x's) noted in Ch. Summaries [x])

**Thematic Movements**
- Incarnation (1:1-18): the journey into this world
- Presentation (1:19-4): the journey into mission
- Opposition (5-12): the journey into rejection
- Redemption (13-21): the journey into death, burial, and resurrection

**Author**: John - "The One Whom Jesus Loved", The Son of Zebedee
**Date & Location**: A.D. 85-90 (Ephesus)
**Audience**: Though containing a profound Jewish quality, the universal tone would imply a wider audience than simply the diaspora. (Jewish Readers as well as the Gentile World)
**Intent**: to foster a sense of progress of belief for both Jewish and Gentile readers providing adequate information for their belief to grow.

- The increasing knowledge of Christ, and personal experiences with Him, increased their faith and strengthened personal belief.

**Items of Notice**
- Over 90% of the gospel is unique to John
- John Does Not Contain: Parables, Account of the Birth, Baptism, Transfiguration, Temptation, Agony in the Garden, or Ascension of Jesus, Record of Demonic Contact, Institution of the Lords Supper, or a List of the Twelve Disciples
- His Focus: Jesus’ ministry in Jerusalem, the Jewish Feasts, Jesus’ private conversations with individuals, the preparation of the Disciples

**Chronologic Anchors**
- Commencement of Ministry (1:29-51) – Summer / Autumn, A.D. 29
- First Passover (2:13-22) – April 7, A.D. 30
- Ministry in Samaria (4:35) – Jan / Feb, A.D. 31
- Feast of Tabernacles (5:1) – Oct 21-28, A.D. 31
- Third Passover (6:4) – April 13/14, A.D. 32
- Feast of Tabernacles (7:2, 10) – Sep 10-17, A.D. 32
- Feast of Dedication (10:22) – Dec 18, A.D. 32
- Royal Entry (12:1-19) – March 30, A.D. 33
- Fourth Passover; Death (19) – April 3, A.D. 33

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