

# JOHN

**AUTHOR:**

The disciple, “whom Jesus loved”, John wrote this Gospel. He was one of the first followers of Christ and was the only one who stayed with him at his crucifixion. He wrote this book while living in Ephesus (modern day Turkey).

**DATE:**

John was probably written around 70-90 A.D.

**RECIPIENTS:**

This book was probably written initially to Gentile (non-Jewish) Christians.

**CONTEXT:**

The context is 1<sup>st</sup> century Palestine (Israel) where Christianity is being born and brought to the people. John starts with the bold proclamation that Jesus has always been and will always be God and ends with Jesus’ appearances after the resurrection.

**PURPOSE:**

The Gospel of John was written to meet the spiritual need of the first believers. Its purpose is stated in John 20:31 which says, “it is written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name”. This purpose rings true in our lives today just as much as it did for them.

