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# The Gospel of John

## When was John written ?

- The Gospel According to John: AD 80 to 98
- First, Second and Third John: AD 90 to 95
- The Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ: AD 94 to 98

## Who was John ?

- Galilean fisherman chosen by Jesus near the beginning of his ministry
- Younger brother to James
- Part of the Inner circle (Peter James and John)
- Passionate, James and John were given the nickname “sons of thunder,” by Jesus,

## What is unique about John’s gospel?

- Quite distinct from synoptic Gospels of Matthew Mark and Luke
- Rewritten much latter than the other Gospels



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**Moving every person towards Jesus**

# John 20:19-31



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<sup>26</sup> Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!” <sup>28</sup> “My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed.



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**Knowing about Jesus  
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# We can personally know Jesus and follow Him

- Jesus pursues us
- Jesus loves us
- Jesus Invites us to come close and engage with him so we know who He is
- Jesus testifies and our part is to trust and believe
- We can believe as the disciples did and be blessed as they were
- The closer we are to Jesus the more we are able to move others to Jesus



# Invitation

## Moving yourself toward Jesus

Engage with scripture. Read **John 1:1-29** and pay close attention to who John says Jesus is. Listen for the testimony of the Holy Spirit and respond to what you see and hear.

## Moving others toward Jesus

Tell another person outside the church who you believe Jesus is and/or a way you have personally experienced Him

