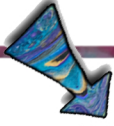


The VideoBook of John

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WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

While the other three gospels portray Jesus as King, Servant, Son Of Man. John, on the other hand, portrays Jesus as the son of God. John states this theme more than any of the other gospel writers. He wrote, honestly it seems anyways, so that readers "might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God. So that they may have life in his name", John 20. To accomplish this goal, John presented this incredibly riveting and distinctive picture of Jesus Christ, one in complete unity with the portraits in the other three gospels. But one that also adds significantly to the bible's Revelation of Jesus Christ the God man.

John uses a lot of different techniques to communicate to his readers the nature of Jesus, including the seven "I am" statements that Jesus gave. Speaking of himself: "the light of the world", "the resurrection and the life", "the way, the truth and the light". Much of John's gospel might be called "the book of signs". As it recounts Jesus' performing of such as: turning water into wine in Cana and raising Lazareth from the dead in Bethany. These miracles illustrate His identity as the Son of God.

HOW DO WE APPLY THIS?

Overall, how do we apply the book of John? Jesus' identity as the divine son of God sets him apart from any other man who has ever lived. He carries with him the transcendences that come only with God himself. So his work on our behalf, makes our salvation sure. Because he is God, his sacrifice on the cross has eternal implications, unlike the limited effect of animal sacrifices in the old testament. Jesus the God man has atoned for all of our sins and we can place our confidence in him because he is divine in nature.

For the readers of John's gospel the question is a simple though significant one, "do you believe that Jesus is Lord?" and furthermore understanding what (as they speak it and as they write it) particularly in John's gospel, "what does it mean to believe?" When we believe we actually put it into practice. I always think of a seat belt. I wear my seat belt every day. One, I don't want a ticket, but essentially I believe that my seat belt can save my life. Belief is more than an intellectual understanding of something. I am convinced that if I put my seat belt on, my life can be saved. So believing that Jesus is Lord, would also be living in a way that expresses that Jesus is Lord in every aspect of our lives. I think that gives us incredible security to know that one day we'll live in the presence of God. In a place with no more pain, no more tears, and no more death, and I don't know that there is any greater hope than that. John paints that beautifully in his gospel.

