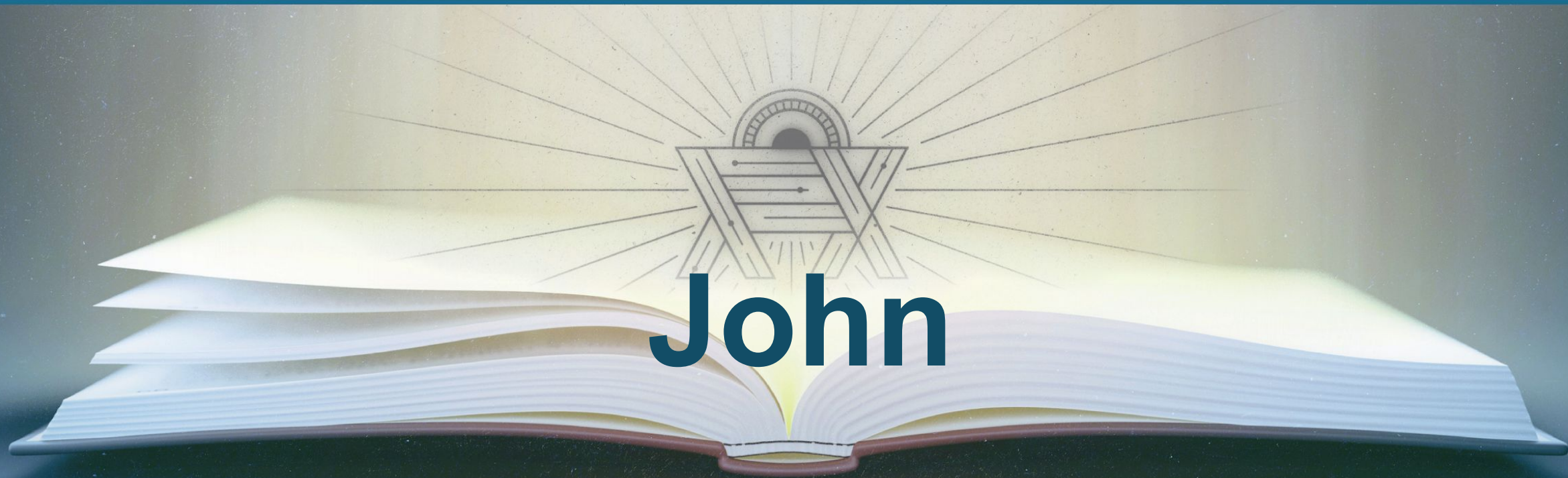




ADVENT

THE COMING OF CHRIST



John

Facts about the Book of John - Authorship

- Disciple, one of Jesus' inner circle, leader
- Wrote several epistles and Revelation
- One of the longest living eyewitnesses
- Mentor of Polycarp, 2nd century Church father

Facts about the Book of John - Relation to other Gospels

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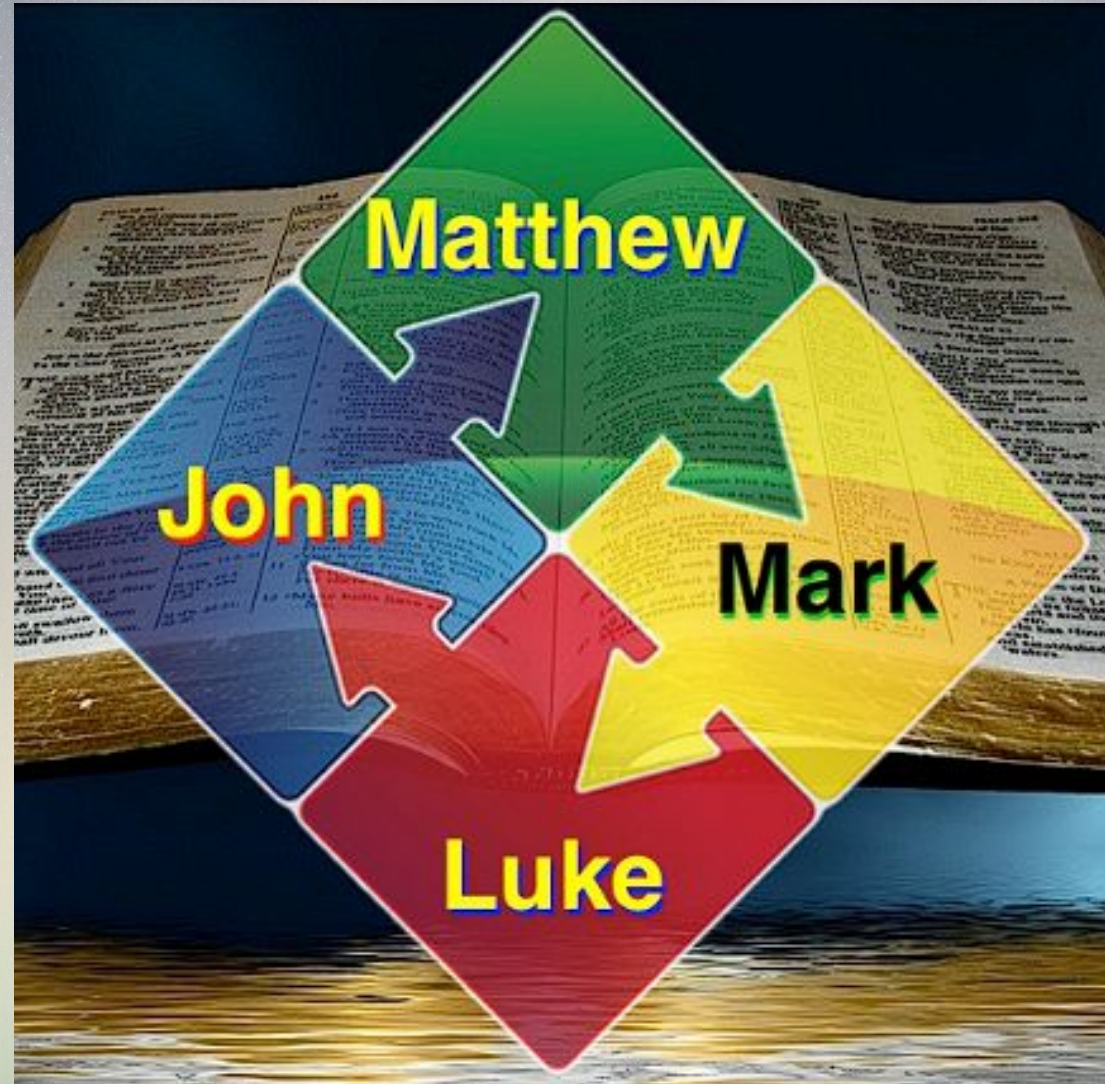
Facts about the Book of John - Relation to other Gospels

- **Matthew, Mark, Luke are Synoptic Gospels**
- **Synoptic = sharing a similar viewpoint**
- **Controversy**
 - **Similarities between synoptics are bad**
 - **John's uniqueness is also bad**

Facts about the Book of John - Relation to other Gospels

- It was written by a different man.
- In a different decade of the first century.
- For a different purpose.

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- There is variation in content and purpose.
- Just as you would expect from four different eyewitnesses to a common event.
- Pretty simple

Major themes

- **Fulfilment of God's Plan**

Fulfilment of Prophecy

“Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.”

John 1:46

Blessing to the nations

“For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Revelation of new relationship

“But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send Him to you.

John 16:7

Fulfillment of God's Plan - summary

- Fulfilment of Prophecy
- Blessing to the nations
- Revelation of new relationship



Major themes

- **Fulfilment of God's Plan**
- **Insight into Jesus relationship with the Father**

Jesus claimed equality with God

“So the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill Him. For He not only broke the Sabbath, He called God His Father, thereby making Himself equal with God.”

John 5:18

Jesus revealed the role of the Holy Spirit

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM!"

An open book is shown at the bottom of the image, with its pages fanned out. Above the book, a glowing geometric symbol, resembling a stylized 'A' or a cross with a central circle, is surrounded by radiating lines, suggesting a light source or a divine presence. The background is a dark blue gradient with faint geometric patterns.

John 8:58

Jesus revealed the nature of the Holy Spirit

“If you love Me, obey My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth...”

John 14:15-17

Jesus clarifies the concept of the Trinity

But when the Father sends the Advocate as My representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—He will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

John 14:26

Jesus Relationship with the Father - summary

- Jesus claimed equality with God
- Jesus revealed the role of the Holy Spirit
- Jesus revealed the nature of the Holy Spirit
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Major themes

- **Fulfilment of God's Plan**
- **Insight into Jesus relationship with the Father**
- **Implications for our relationship with God**

Permanent solving of the Sin Problem

I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty.



John 6:35

Unity based on the unity of the Godhead

Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, You have given Me Your name; now protect them by the power of Your name so that they will be united just as We are.

John 17:11

Direct Access to God through Jesus

Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins.

Hebrews 10:11

Direct Access to God through Jesus

But our High Priest offered Himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then He sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand.



Hebrews 10:12

Direct Access to God through Jesus

And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices. And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus.

Hebrews 10:18-19

Direct Access to God through Jesus

By His death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house,

Hebrews 10:20,21

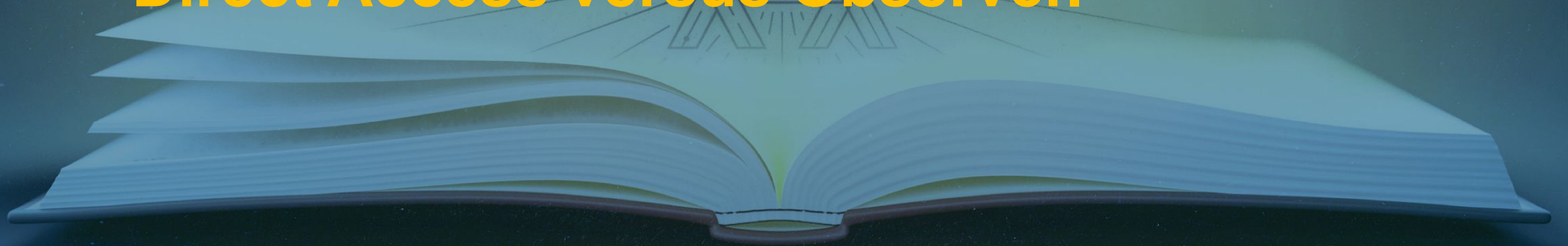
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...let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting Him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:22

Implications for us - summary

- **Salvation and satisfaction.**
- **A unity of believers based on the unity of Godhead**
- **Direct Access versus Observer.**



The book of John shows us that:

- Jesus life, death and resurrection were a fulfillment of prophecy AND set the stage for the church age.
- He brought us into a fundamentally different relationship with the Father.
- We now have direct access to a Holy God.

Benediction

- **We have the actual words of Jesus describing an astonishing plan, infused by love and justice.**
- **He is inviting you, personally, into a relationship.**
- **Will you receive that invitation?**