

Bible Outlines by [John T Polk II](#)
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Outline of the Bible Book of John

John = Beloved of God

[God Is Pre-eminent]

I. **God Revealed in Flesh 1:1 - 4:54**

A. **Divine Existence**

1. Revealed as Creator and Sustainer of the World **1:1-5a**
2. Rejection of Light by the world **1:5b-11**
3. Reception of Word by some in the world **1:12-18**

B. **Divine Example**

1. John's denial **1:19-23**
2. John's profession **1:24-28**
3. John's confession **1:29-36**
4. John's legacy **1:27-51**

C. **Divine Exercise 2:1-12**

Miracle #1

D. **Divine Excoriation 2:13-25**

E. **Divine Exclusivity 3:1-21**

F. **Divine "Exit" 3:22-36**

G. **Divine Explanation 4:1-42**

H. **Divine Exhibition 4:43-54**

Miracle #2

II. **God Rejected By Flesh 5:1 - 12:50**

A. **"Battle" at Bethesda**

1. Healing Infirmity **5:1-9** **Miracle #3**
2. Discarding fables of pool and Sabbath **5:10-47**
 - a) Word of God, not waters, healed the man **5:10-15**
 - b) Jews opposed challenge of Sabbath interpretation **5:16-23**
 - c) Jesus' explanation of His authority:
 - (1) He came to do God's will **5:24-30**
 - (2) His 4 witnesses of proof:
 - (a) God's prophet = John [the Baptist] **5:31-35**
 - (b) God's works = miracles **5:36**
 - (c) God, Himself **5:37**
 - (d) God's Scriptures **5:38-47**

B. **Power of God in Christ**

1. Feeding of 5000 with scarcity of food **6:1-14** **Miracle #4**
2. Walking across Sea of Galilee **6:15-21** **Miracle #5**
3. Feeding numberless multitude by Himself **6:22-40**
4. God's power can be rejected by man's ignorance **6:41-71**
 - a) Jews grumbled at His claim to be bread from heaven **6:41-51**
 - b) Jews quarreled that His "flesh" must be eaten **6:52-59**
 - c) Jesus' disciples grumbled at this "hard saying" **6:60-66**
 - d) Judas already "left behind" **6:67-71**
5. Jesus "open" doctrine **7:1-52**
 - a) in Galilee **7:1-9**
 - b) in Jerusalem **7:10-31**
 - c) creates "division" among Jews **7:32-52**

6. Adulterous woman spared from Jewish "miss" teaching **8:1-12**
7. Jesus' proof of His authority
 - a) as God is His witness **8:13-20**
 - b) as His death will show **8:21-30**
 - c) as His doctrine proves to be **8:31-47**
 - d) as His antiquity demonstrates **8:48-59**
8. Healing of man born blind **Miracle #6**
 - a) Clearly done **9:1-34**
 - b) No miracle for spiritual blindness **9:35-41**
9. His unity with the Father
 - a) as Good Shepherd **10:1-30**
 - b) as Jews misunderstood "oneness" doctrine **10:31-39**
 - c) as contrasted with John [the Baptist] **10:40-42**
10. Raising Lazarus from the dead **11:1-12:11** **Miracle #7**

C. *Presence of God in Jerusalem*

1. Glorious Jewish greeting **12:12-19**
2. Greek interest **12:20-26**
3. Great victory on the cross predicted **12:27-36**
4. Ghastly Jewish rejection
 - a) disbelieved in miracles **12:37-41** as **Isaiah (53:1; 6:9-10)** predicted
 - b) believers did not confess Him lest the Pharisees put them out of the synagogue **12:42-50**

III. God Raised Above Flesh **13:1- 19:42**

A. *In Service* **13:1-35**

B. *In Solutions to Questions* **13:36-16:33**

C. *In Sacrifice* **17:1-19:42**

1. **The [REAL] Lord's Prayer** **17:1-26** **He Prays as a Priest**

- a) that the Son glorified the Father **17:1-5**
- b) that the apostles would remain sanctified **17:6-19**
- c) that the church of Christ would be united **17:20-26**

2. **The Lord's Trials** **18:1-19:16** **He Suffers as a Sacrifice**

- a) in the garden **18:1-11**
- b) before Annas [co-high priest, **Luke 3:2**] **18:12-24**
 - (1) Jewish "soldiers" lead Jesus **18:12-14**
 - (2) Peter denies Jesus (1st time) **18:15-18**
 - (3) Jesus demands evidence **18:19-23**
- c) before Caiaphas **18:24-28**
 - (1) Jesus sent bound to Caiaphas **18:24**
 - (2) Peter denies Jesus (2nd time) **18:25**
 - (3) Peter denies Jesus (3rd time) **18:26-27**
- d) before Pilate **18:28 - 19:16**
 - (1) Pilate asks Jews for charges **18:28-32**
 - (2) Pilate asks Jesus about charges **18:33-38a**
 - (3) Pilate presents Jesus to Jews with "no fault" **18:38b**
 - (4) Pilate asks Jews whom to release **18:39-40**
 - (5) Pilate presents Jesus to Jews with "no fault" **19:1-6**
 - (6) Pilate fears Jews' "new charge" **19:7-8**
 - (7) Pilate asks Jesus about "new charge" **19:9-11**

- (8) Pilate's "conversion" about Jesus **19:12a**
- (9) Pilate's conscience of convenience **12b-16**
- e) on Golgotha **19:14-42**
 - (1) Jesus died with 2 others **19:17-18**
 - (2) Pilate's cross title disputed **19:19-22**
 - (3) soldiers gamble for Jesus' priestly garment **19:23-24**
 - (4) Jesus "transfers" His mother's care **19:25-27**
 - (5) Jesus thirst, then dies **19:28-30**
 - (6) Jesus' bones not broken **19:31-37**
 - (7) Joseph of Arimathea provides unused tomb, Nicodemus supplies embalming ointments and Jesus' body is buried **19:38-42**

IV. **God Rules Over Flesh 20:1 - 21:25** **He is Raised the Son of God**

A. **Stunning Empty Tomb** (in **John**, the events are:)

1. Mary Magdalene first to see it and share news **20:1**
2. Peter and John first to be told of it **20:2-10**
3. Mary Magdalene first to see Jesus **20:11-18** **1st Appearance**

B. **Startling Physical Proof**

1. Appearance to disciples behind closed doors and "great commission" given **20:19-23** **Cf Mark 16:14-18**

2nd Appearance (1st to His disciples)

2. Next first day of the week, Thomas included in Jesus' appearance inside their assembly **20:24-29**
3. Summary of Jesus' miracles and purpose of writing them down **20:30-31**
4. Jesus appeared to fishing disciples, **21:1-9** and;

a) miracle of “the catch” **21:10-12** and;

b) physical proof in eating breakfast with them **21:13-14**

3rd Appearance (2nd to His disciples)

C. *Stirring Peter’s Heart*

1. Questioning Peter’s conviction **21:15-19**

2. Challenging Peter’s loyalty **21:20-24**

D. *Setting Limits on Revelation* 21:25

John's Journal:

1. **Jesus' ministry lasted through 3 Mosaic Passovers**, and with the removal of Moses' law, Jesus became the Christian's Passover to be remembered every first day of the week:

Jewish Passover #1 John 2:13, 23; Cf 4:45

Jewish Passover #2 John 6:4

Jewish Passover #3 John 11:55; 12:1, 12, 20; 13:1; 18:39; 19:14

Christian Passover:

Begun- Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-23; Cf John 13:1-2

Identified- I Corinthians 5:7

Observed- I Corinthians 11:23-29; Acts 20:7

2. **The purpose of Jesus' miracles was to establish identity**, NOT to continue to provide escape from sickness and death! **John 20:30-31**
There are only 7 miracles specifically mentioned before His resurrection.
 This selectivity shows that miracles do NOT need to be repeated or continued forever in order to produce complete faith in Jesus as God's Son.

Purpose and Place of the Miracles in John Many More Than Recorded Cf John 2:23; 3:2; 6:2; 7:31; 11:47; John 12:37; 20:30-31		
John:	Miracle/ Sign:	Power, Over, Law of:
2:1-12	Water to Wine ("Grape Juice") *	Harvest
4:43-54	Nobleman's Deathly Ill Son Healed by Word *	Distance
5:1-9	Infirmity of 38 Years Healed *	Disease
6:1-14	+Feeding of 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 small fish	Blessings
6:15-21	Walking Across the Sea of Galilee	Gravity
9:1-41	Blindness of Man Born Blind Cured *	Sight
11:1 - 12:11	Lazarus Raised from the Dead *	Life/ Death
	+ Recorded in Matthew, Mark & Luke	
	* Only recorded in John	

3. Unlike the accounts in **Matthew, Mark** and **Luke**:
 - a. Herod is never mentioned in the book!
 - b. There are no parables identified and explained.
 - c. Omitted are references to the virgin birth, temptation by Satan, Sermon on the Mount, transfiguration on the mount, establishing the Lord's Supper, stress of Gethsemane, ascension after His resurrection.

4. **In John, Jesus claims (and proves) to be the "I AM"** just as Moses had been taught at the burning bush **Exodus 1 - 2; 11 - 15; 6:1-6**:

Jesus claimed to be the "I AM" who is the:	
Bread of Life	6:32-35
Light of the World	8:12; 9:5
Door	10:7
Good Shepherd	10:11, 14
Resurrection and Life	11:25
Way, Truth and Life	14:6
Vine	15:1

5. **Only 7 times is Scripture said to be 'fulfilled'**, showing that ongoing fulfilment, or continued prophesying are NOT necessary to believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, AND that He is the last prophet of God through whom the Law of God would be revealed. **Cf John 6:14; Hebrews 1:1; Acts 3:18-26; Matthew 24:23-25**

The 7 Fulfillments Mentioned Are:		
12:38	Quotes	Isaiah 53:1
13:18	Quotes	Psalm 41:9
15:25	Quotes	Psalm 35:19; 69:4; 109:3
17:12	Refers To:	Psalm 41:9 CF John 6:64, 70-71
18:9	Quotes	John 17:12
19:24	Quotes	Psalm 22:18
19:28	Quotes	Psalm 22:15
19:36	Quotes	Exodus 12:46; Psalm 34:20

6. Jesus' teaching 'penetrates' the souls of:

- a. **Immoral women:** confused in marriage **4:1-42**;
morally corrupt **8:1-12**
- b. **Righteous men:** Nicodemus **3:1-21**; apostles **13:1 - 16:33**
- c. **Ungodly religious men:** **5:17-47**; **8:13-59**; **10:22-39**