

The Encountering Perspective

ENCOUNTERING JESUS

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

If you _____ in God’s Word with the proper attitude of openness and trust, God is going to speak to you through His Word.

Revelation 1:9-19(a) I, John, am your brother and your partner in suffering and in God’s Kingdom and in the patient endurance to which Jesus calls us. I was exiled to the island of Patmos for preaching the word of God and for my testimony about Jesus. 10 It was the Lord’s Day, and I was worshiping in the Spirit. Suddenly, I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet blast. 11 It said, “Write in a book everything you see, and send it to the seven churches in the cities of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.” 12 When I turned to see who was speaking to me, I saw seven gold lampstands. 13 And standing in the middle of the lampstands was someone like the Son of Man. He was wearing a long robe with a gold sash across his chest. 14 His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow. And his eyes were like flames of fire. 15 His feet were like polished bronze refined in a furnace, and his voice thundered like mighty ocean waves. 16 He held seven stars in his right hand, and a sharp two-edged sword came from his mouth. And his face was like the sun in all its brilliance. 17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as if I were dead. But he laid his right hand on me and said, “Don’t be afraid! I am the First and the Last. 18 I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. 19 “Write down what you have seen—both the things that are now happening and the things that will happen.

1. John had a _____ of Jesus.

1 John 4:3 every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.

1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

2. John had a _____ revelation of Jesus.

The Gospel of John is referred to as the _____ Gospel.

John’s gospel is known as the _____ Gospel.

John 6:35 Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life.

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world.

John 10:7 Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

John 10:11 “I am the good shepherd.”

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

John 10:36 Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'?

John was known as the _____.

“ _____ ”

Luke 9:54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?"

Mark 9:38 "Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."

Because John had a growing revelation of Jesus, he didn't

_____.

John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

1 John 4:20-21 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

John 20:30-31 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

3. John had a revelation of _____ in Jesus.

John 13:23 One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him.

John 19:26 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son,"

John 20:2. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

John 21:7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"

John 21:20 Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them.

John writes of himself as the disciple that Jesus loved not as a comparative but as a _____.

When we encounter Jesus, our _____ changes.

John 1:1-2 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning.