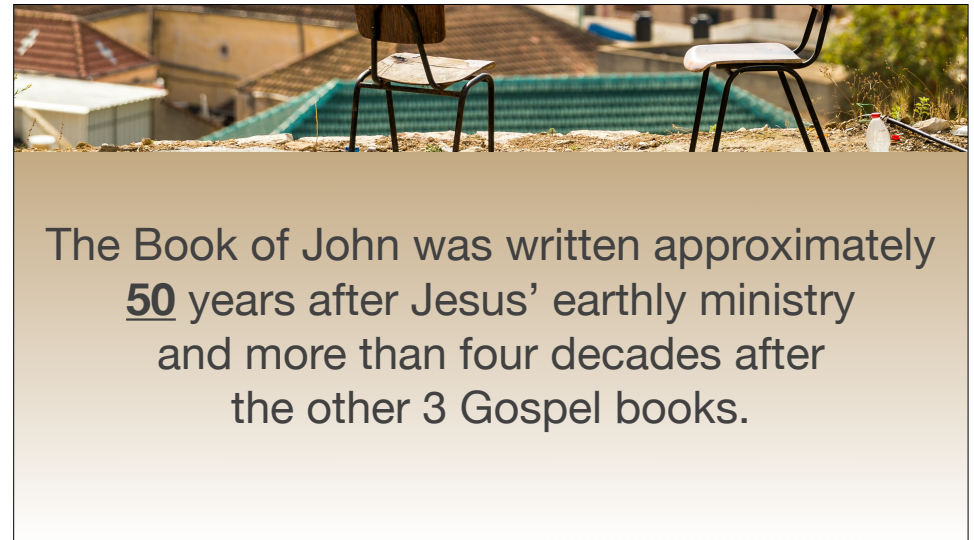




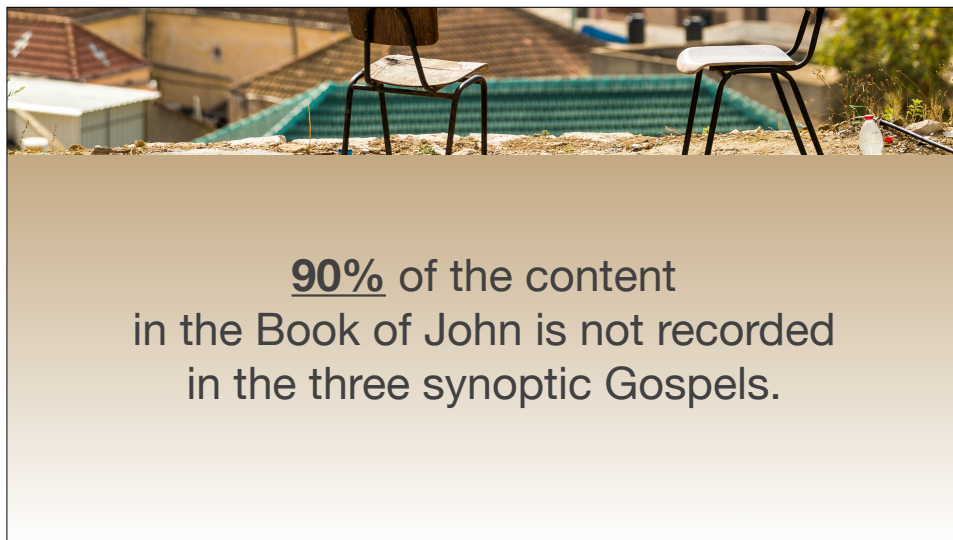
Conversations with Jesus

A Journey through the
Gospel of John

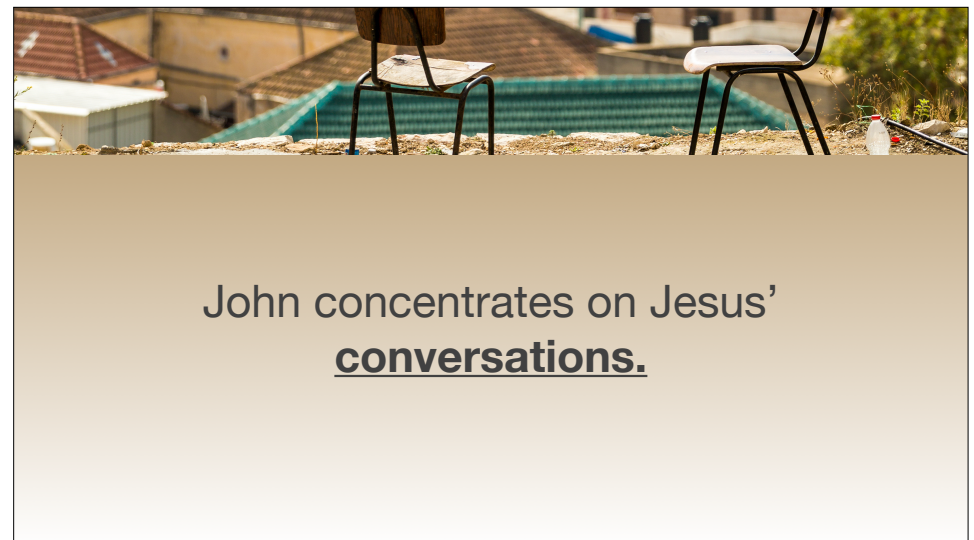
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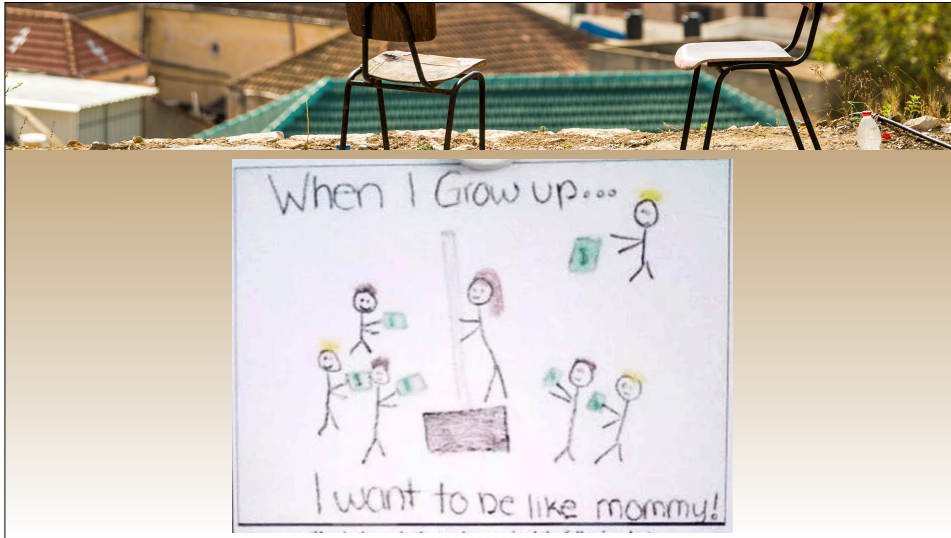
The Book of John was written approximately 50 years after Jesus' earthly ministry and more than four decades after the other 3 Gospel books.



90% of the content in the Book of John is not recorded in the three synoptic Gospels.



John concentrates on Jesus' conversations.



And he doesn't record Jesus' ministry chronologically, but by common **themes**.

³¹But 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.
John 20:31(ESV)

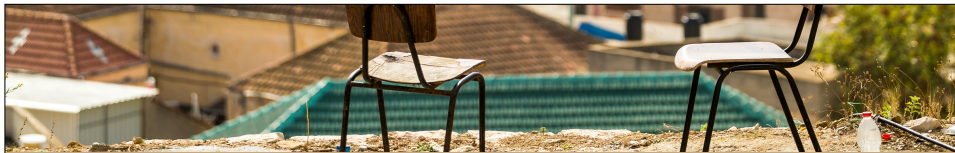
The purpose of John is to answer the question:
Who is Jesus?



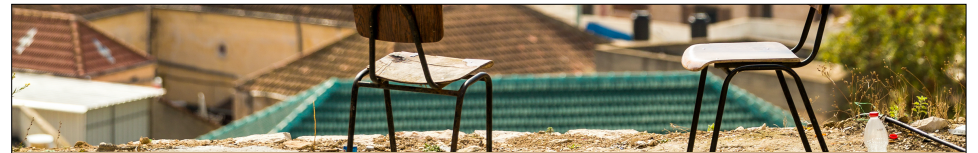
¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. ⁴In him was life and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.
John 1:1-5 (ESV)



John had two audiences:
Greco-Romans and Jews



To the *Greco-Romans*, John 1:1 brought to mind the search for “**logos**,” which to the Greeks meant the ultimate truth and the meaning of life.



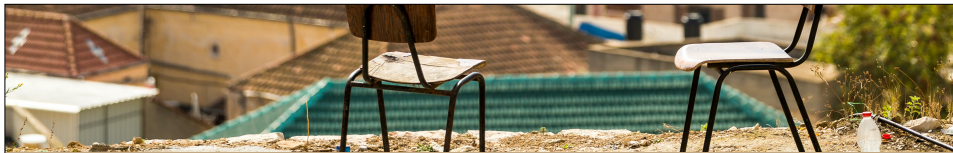
John tells the Greeks *logos* (ultimate truth/meaning of life) is not a **WHAT**; it's a **WHO!**



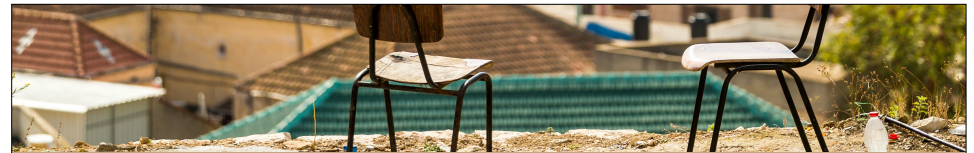
To the *Jews*, John 1:1 brought to mind
Genesis 1



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



In Jewish culture, older meant **wiser**;
first meant **better**.



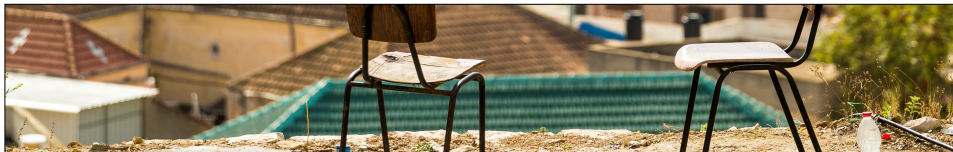
⁴In him was life and the life was the light of men.
⁵The light shines in the darkness and the darkness
has not overcome it.
John 1:4-5 (ESV)



Ultimate truth and the presence of God were signified by **light**.

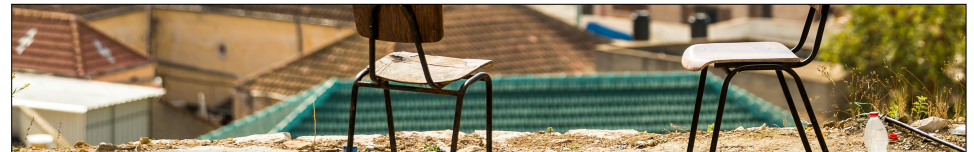


John tells Jews *light* (ultimate truth/presence of God) is not a WHAT; it's a **WHO!**



⁵The light shineth in the darkness and the darkness comprehended it not.
John 1:5 (KJV)

⁵The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.
John 1:1-5 (ESV)



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read John 1:15, 19-23.

Based on John the Baptist's words and what you learned about Jewish culture, what heresies do you think had developed in the early church that John, the Gospel writer, is trying to dispel?



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

2. A heresy is a belief or practice that explicitly undermines the gospel. The Greek word for *heresy* literally means “self-chosen opinion.”

What self-chosen opinions or doctrines that do not originate from God permeate our culture today?



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

3. Read John 1:6-9.

In your own words, explain how the text describes John the Baptist’s role.




DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

4. Use a concordance to look up the Greek word for *witness* in John 1:7 (G3141).

What English word does that transliteration bring to mind? How does this affect your thoughts about John’s commitment to his role?



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 Jhn 1:7 - The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe.

a witness, PHRASE	G3141 N-ASF	μαρτυρίαν μαρτυρία martyria
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**Lexicon :: Strong's G3141 -
*martyria***



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

5. Read John 1:14 and circle the last three words.

How can we bear witness to the light in our culture in a way that reflects both God's grace and truth?
How does that require courage of us?