

## Episode #1-05 - Intro to John

- I. The “Knowing God in the Word Radio Program” is for the purpose of helping listeners to fulfill the greatest need we have as believers – to know God. We enter into relationship with Him through faith, and that faith must be in Jesus Christ. We get faith from the Word, so we must study it.
- II. The first book we are going to study is John, one of the gospels.
- III. When was John written?
  - A. Higher critics: a group of scholars in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century. Many conservative scholars: 90s AD. But isn't this just a compromise?
  - B. Was John the longest lived apostle? John 21:22-23. But see Matthew 20:20-23!
  - C. John 20:4. Does not have to mean he was younger than Peter!
  - D. Excerpt from Mike Penny. Revelation 20:4. II Corinthians 11:13-15.
  - E. John 5:2. The internal evidence is this was written before Jerusalem was destroyed.
- IV. Why was John written?
  - A. John 1:1. Presenting Christ as God.
  - B. John's gospel as a treatise.
  - C. John 20:31 states John's purpose in writing.
  - D. The audience. All who read and believe.
- V. How does the way John is written reflect its purpose?
  - A. The miracles: eight “signs” pointing to John's premise. Important for Jews.
  - B. The intellectual arguments. Important for Greeks. I Corinthians 1:22-25.
  - C. The characters: witnesses to John's premise.
  - D. The stories: chosen as relating to John's premise.
- VI. John was written about the same time as the other gospels, but differs from them due to its very different purpose. It was written to present Christ as God, and to produce believers in John's great theme. Let us study John, and see what we can find to believe.