

Sunday Morning Class on the Letter of First John

(An Introduction)

Who is the author?

- Author of the gospel of John, the book of Revelation and first, second and third John.
- Do not confuse this John with John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus.

John's humble background

- The son of Zebedee. (Matthew 4:21)
- The brother of James. (Matthew 4:21; Mark 3:17)
- A fisherman who left all to follow Jesus. (Matthew 4:21-22; Mark 1:19-20; Luke 5:1-11)
- An apostle. (Matthew 10:2)

The Character of John

- The apostle of love. (John 13:23-25; 20:2)
- A trustworthy man. (John 19:26, 27)
- An uneducated and untrained man. (Acts 4:13)
- A pillar. (Galatians 2:9)



Interesting Aspects of the Life of John

- John was one of the closest people to Christ.
 - Peter, James and John accompanied Jesus the closest. (Matthew 17:1, 26:37)
- John was the “disciple whom Jesus loved.” (John 21:20)
 - Note John 13:23-25 and John 20:2
- John was the keeper of Mary after Jesus died upon the cross. (John 19:26,27)
- John and Peter were sent to prepare for the Passover. (Luke 22:8-13)
- John accompanied Peter. (Acts 3-4)
- John was exiled to the isle of Patmos. (Revelation 1:9)

Personal Study Questions:

- 1) What does the name John mean? _____?
- 2) John and James are known as the sons of _____?
- 3) Who were the three closest people to Jesus?
- 4) Who was the disciple who leaned against Christ's chest during the Passover meal?