

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes
Introduction

Intro: Every year I go to a cabin in Tennessee to just get off the crazy train, as I call it, LIFE! On 11/21/2024, staring at the most beautiful mountains, I heard in my spirit, “Teach the Gospel of John Next”. I was still teaching Revelation; and this is why He wanted me to teach The Book of John next. I now could see their Relationship in a way that I could not see before.

- John died to himself to stand before his Savior who was dying for him!
- John was the last man at the cross!
- John loved with an Agape Love that was not displayed in any other Disciple of Jesus!

Note: On Wednesday 04/30/2025, I was driving to work and suddenly, these words started dropping in my spirit:

“Be so in love with Jesus that you are willing to be the last one at the cross.”

Then...Holy Spirit guided me to a clip from The Passion of the Christ.





Understanding: John was not thinking of the soldier that could have taken his life; He was laser focused on Jesus alone.

Then...As I stared at their faces I heard so loudly, “**This is Agape Love!**”

Note: When Holy Spirit said, “In the Book of John, I will take my children on a journey of love”, I knew this is what He meant.

- At this moment Jesus, in the natural, could not do another thing for John.
- He was done pouring into him like He had done for the prior 3 to 3.5 years.
- He had shown him all that He was going to show him.
- Jesus had emptied Himself, and all that remained was to do what only Luke records:

Luke 23:46 (NASB) – “And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, ‘Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I ENTRUST MY SPIRIT.’ And having said this, He died.”

Question: What brought John, but no other Disciple, to the cross?

Answer: RELATIONSHIP, but not just any relationship!

Pause For Understanding (Proverbs 4:7)

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Transactional Relationship -Vs- Relational Relationship

Transactional – when one expects something in return for their contribution in a short time frame, and if not, they will NOT provide their contribution.

Relational – when one is willing to be patient for a longer-term mutual benefit and is okay if the full return is NOT received in the short-term.

Understanding: We have had a wrong view of Father's love for us - transactional. There is a false believe that only the "good" defines G-d's love, while suffering means we have been deserted by Him, causing us to not be able to love and endure well. John's love was relational: even though there was no immediate benefit for him to be at the cross, His love for Jesus was UNCONDITIONAL!

The Vision



(Larger visual chart included at the end of the teaching.)

Key: The 3 to 3.5 Year Journey with Yeshua, Revelation was *imparted* to John that He "Was God".

Question:

Why Imparted?

Answer:

Revelation of Jesus came to Peter from G-d **first!**

Matthew 16:13-18 (NASB) – “¹³ Now when Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ ¹⁴ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and *still* others, Jeremiah, or one of the *other* prophets.’ ¹⁵ He *said to them, ‘But who do you yourselves say that I am?’ ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ ¹⁷ And Jesus said to him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.’”

Key: No real relationship comes until revelation comes first!

- From the **Revelation** came a **Relationship** that was so strong even at the threat of death, John could not walk away.
- Most Theologians and Bible Scholars believe that, even though John's name *is not* in the Book of John, John is the one who is referenced as "The Disciple That Jesus Loved". (**John 13:23**)
- Then John was Refreshed.

Refreshing-(Biblical Definition)-renew, restore, and revitalization of the spirit, soul, or body. A return to a state of well-being and strength after **weariness or hardship**.

Note: Refreshing is what births Agape Love!

1st use in the NT of Agapao/Agape(G25-Agapao/26-Agape)

Agapao-(G25)-agapaō-(Person)-to love dearly, (Of Things)-to be contented with a thing.

Matthew 5:43-44 (NASB) - "43 You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,"

Agape-(G26)-agape-love, love feast; Selfless, unconditional.

Question: What Love did Father have for Humanity?

John 3:16 (NASB) - "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.

Answer: Agapao-(G25).

Why this form? It represents the Fatherly love that G-d has towards humans, but G-d Himself *is* Perfect Love.

1 John 4:8 (NASB) – "The one who does not love does not **know God**, because God is **love**."

The form used here is **Agape-(G26)**.

KEY: Pay Attention to Words! John tells us in **1 John 4:8** how he was able to be the last man at the cross...**REVELATION:** He Knew Jesus Was G-d!

Understanding: It is important to note that the most significant idea expressed in “**Agape**” love is not the selfless or unconditional aspects; but rather the fact that “**Agape**” love is a love of the will and **not** of emotions.

Key: Write this down!

“Agape Love Is Where Your Emotions Are Not.”

Question:

Why then was Peter **not** at the Cross, but John was?

Answer:

Fear, Doubt, & Unbelief.

- He Could Not Comprehend The Cross (**Matthew 16:21-23**).
 - When Jesus speaks of his death and resurrection, Peter rebukes him, stating that this could not happen. Jesus must rebuke Peter, calling him Satan.



- Jesus tells Peter to get out the boat and walk on water (**Matthew 14:22-23**).
 - Peter does as Jesus requested but when he looked at the storm his faith failed.



- Denial of Jesus three times - this was as close to the cross that Peter wanted to get (**Matthew 16:21-23**).
 - Peter, faced with questions about his Relationship with Jesus, denies knowing him 3 times. Fear killed the Revelation!



Understanding: The Book of John opens in a way the other Gospels could not: It opened with a Revelation - A Revelation that could not be shaken!

John 1:1 (AMP) – “**In the beginning** [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.”

Key: John’s Revelation of Jesus goes so deep that he echoes the Torah!

Genesis 1:1 (NASB) – “**In the beginning** God created the heavens and the earth.”

Key: John states this in the very 1st verse - **GET THE REVELATION!**

Why?

Answer: Without it you will NEVER be able to Love!

1 Corinthians 13:1 (AMP) – “If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love [for others growing out of God’s love for me], then I have become only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal [just an annoying distraction].”

Final Question: Holy Spirit said, “Ask those listening this question: Where in the Bible did Jesus take from those following?”

The End

THE VISION:

JOURNEY TO LOVE

REVELATION

g602 -
apokalupsis-
unveiling,
disclosure

RELATIONSHIP

g4772 -
suggeneia-
kinship, familial,
relationship

REFRESHING

g403 - *anapsuxis*-
reviving with fresh
air, renew, restore,
revitalization

LOVE

g26 - *agape*-
love, love feast,
selfless,
unconditional

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