

## **John 1:1**

The apostle John has always been considered the one who wrote the gospel of John. Jesus chose John as one of his twelve closest followers. John accompanied Jesus during the years Jesus went about performing miracles and proclaiming the good news of God's kingdom. John was there at the cross when Jesus died. Three days later, John ran to the empty tomb and confirmed that Jesus had risen from the dead. After Jesus came back to life; John ate and drank and hung out with Jesus for forty days. Then John was there to see Jesus lifted up into a cloud and taken up into heaven. John was an eye witness of all that Jesus said and did.

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Think about [John 20:30-31](#).

*“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”*

Why did the apostle John write his book?

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Some of the thoughts in the beginning of the gospel of John are connected to the account of creation in the book of Genesis. If you want to hear a reading of Genesis chapter 1, you can listen to it at the link below at [Bible.is](#). The reading takes less than 6 minutes. At the bottom of their page you may need to click *PLAY* to start the audio; also turn off *AUTOPLAY* to stop it from automatically playing the rest of the chapters in Genesis.

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Think about [John 1:1-2](#).

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.”*

What four things does this passage say about the Word?

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Think about [John 1:3](#).

*“All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.”*

What was the Word doing when all things came into existence?

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