



Timeless lives from the God-Story

JOHN: HEART TO HEART!

JOHN 20,21

What would it have been like to reach out and touch Jesus Christ? To lean against Him at dinner, to hear His words, and to seek miracles worked right before your own eyes! There is little doubt this provided much motivation for faithfulness as the years after the resurrection unfolded.

John the apostle speaks from a vantage point that only a handful of eyewitnesses enjoyed - and he gives us volumes of insight into the remarkable character, resolve, and authenticity of the incarnation of Jesus Christ.

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The “other disciple whom Jesus loved” is the John who wrote this Gospel. What is his part in the drama that unfolds in this chapter? Why did he record the events of this book? What appears to be different after Jesus has risen from the dead? What would be the difference between John and Peter’s destiny and how was it interpreted by others? How much had John and the rest of the disciples seen during the time they had followed Jesus?

John 19:23-27

What was John’s human relationship with Jesus? What was the level of love and trust? What kind of man was John? What unique expectations did Jesus have for John?

Revelation 1

Later in life John the apostle is exiled to the island of Patmos, where he is in a very real sense a prisoner. Here he receives a vision that will become the book of Revelation. This is not the Revelation of John but the Revelation of Jesus Christ to John. How fitting that this disciple would be entrusted with such important understanding - and information!

How is this vision of Christ different from the previous picture we have of Him? What is John’s response? What would it have been like to receive this vision? How did John pass on this vision? What does this vision teach us about the difference between the first coming of Christ and His second coming?

1 John

Read the book of 1 John and use your high lighter and pen. Distill John’s message into five or six central themes. What kind of man do you think John was? What impact do you think he had on people who knew him? On the early church?

If John were writing this letter to you personally, what would he be saying to you?

John gives us deep relational understanding into what it means to know God. His heart of love and devotion to Jesus is a huge key in forming our perceptions of what it means to pursue God!

My conclusions from this study...
