**Jesus Christ is the Gospel of John**

* Author is “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” (21:20)
* He is an eyewitness to the life and ministry of Jesus Christ
* Believed to be the Apostle John
* Written by the year 100 AD
* Written for Jews and Jewish Christians in the Mediterranean world
* Positive depiction of Samaritans point to them being part of the audience
* “These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that believing you may have life in his name.” John 20:31
* Features only in John-
	+ Several trips to Jerusalem
	+ Cleansing of the temple at the beginning
	+ Wedding at Cana and Mary by the Cross
	+ No Last Supper
* Book of magnificent beauty and artistry
* Focus on the heavenly identity of Jesus
* Focus on communion with the Father and each other
* The Trinity is the main mystery revealed in the fourth Gospel
	+ The Father sends the Son
	+ The Father and the Son send the Holy Spirit
	+ The Son reveals the heart of the Father
	+ Deep union between all three persons
* The Human family also plays a role
	+ Children of men are invited to become children of God
	+ This new life begins with a spiritual rebirth in Baptism
	+ Nourished with His food, the Eucharist
	+ Formed in the Truth and let by the Spirit
	+ Christ models Divine Sonship
	+ Obey the commands of the Father
	+ He returns to the Father

The Seven Signs

* Changing water into wine at Cana in John 2:1-11 - "the first of the signs"
* Healing the royal official's son in Capernaum in John 4:46-54
* Healing the paralytic at Bethesda in John 5:1-15
* Feeding the 5000 in John 6:5-14
* Jesus walking on water in John 6:16-24
* Healing the man blind from birth in John 9:1-7
* The raising of Lazarus in John 11:1-45