

Live the RED: Jesus in John My LORD and MY GOD!

Jesus did many other miraculous *signs* in the presence of His disciples that are *not* recorded in this book. But these are written that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the **Son of God**, and that by believing you may have **life** in His name.
John 20:30-31

- I love John's Gospel best of all. Whenever I get back into it, it always wins my heart, stretches my mind and calls me higher. This July we will live the RED in John for three weeks.
1. For the **new Christian**: nuggets of pure gold right on the surface. **Most** of the Bible verses *you have memorized* are **from/unique to John**:

For God **so loved** the world He gave his one and only Son...
Behold **the Lamb** of God...
And the **Word became flesh** and dwelt among us...
You must be **born again**...
Do not let **your hearts** be troubled...
I go to prepare a **place for you**...
Peace I leave with you, **My peace** I give to you...
He must **increase** and I must decrease...
Sir, we would **see Jesus!**
I AM **the Vine** and you are the branches...
If any of you is **without sin**, let him be the first to cast a stone...
Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more...
I AM **the Light** of the world...
If the Son **sets you free**, you are free indeed!
A new command I give to you: **Love one another**...
Anyone who has **seen ME**, has seen the FATHER!
My Lord and **my GOD**...
I AM **the Way**, the Truth and the Life...
It is finished!

2. Yet no other book of the Bible, with the exception of Revelation [also written by John] has such depth of theology, multiple layers of meaning or intricate structure. John's Gospel is built around **seven "signs"** (miracles with a greater purpose); and **seven I AM** statements that point to the **infinite** sufficiency of Jesus:
3. **Seven Miracles:**
 - 2:1-11: Water to Wine
 - 4:46-53: Healing the Dying Son
 - 5:1-15: Crippled Man Raised
 - 6:1-15: Feeding the 5000
 - 6:16-21: Calming the Storm
 - 9:1-38: Sight for the Man Born Blind
 - 11:1-45: New Life for the Dead (Lazarus)
4. **Seven** claims to divinity or **I AM** statements:
 - 6:47-51: **I AM** the Bread of Life
 - 8:12: **I AM** the Light of the World
 - 10:9: **I AM** the Door
 - 10:10-29: **I AM** the Good Shepherd
 - 11:25: **I AM** the Resurrection and the Life
 - 14:6: **I AM** the Way, the Truth and the Life
 - 15:1-7: **I AM** the True Vine

APPLICATION:

Key word (97 times) in John's Gospel is Greek *pisteo*: **believe** or **trust**. The call to **TRUST** is the punch-line to every single event in the book. The core issue in every single issue in our life is the issue of **TRUST** or **DISTRUST** in the love and provision of Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Now you are going to **memorize** three sets of seven words *and decide*:

1. Do not let your hearts be troubled. (John 14:1)
2. **Trust** in God, **trust** also in Me. (John 14:2)
3. The man took Jesus **at His word!** (John 4:50)

Will you?