

5. Even decades after Jesus had ascended, this author was still impacted by Jesus' love for him. He knew that he was loved. How did this impact John's doctrine (his view of God) and his pastoral admonitions (1 John 2:7-11; 4:7-12, 19-21)?

# Sermon Notes

"Introducing John"

Various Texts

April 24, 2016

## Introduction:

God loves you. Who specifically is he calling you to show that love toward?

### Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

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Pray for continued spiritual growth in the Spanish church that Adrian pastors.

1. Who \_\_\_\_\_

2. When \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why \_\_\_\_\_

4. How \_\_\_\_\_

**Conclusion:**

## Growth Group Homework

For the week of 4-24-16

**Getting Started:**

1. Excluding your spouse, do you remember someone from your past that you know loved you? What do you remember about that person? How did you know that they loved you?

**Digging Deeper:**

2. It is a curious thing that the author of this gospel never gave his name. The title, "The Gospel according to John" was added later and wasn't part of the original document. How does the author identify himself? (See John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7, 20, 24.)

3. "It is remarkable that the apostle John, mentioned some twenty times in the synoptic Gospels, is not named once in this gospel. Leon Morris observes, 'It is not easy to think of a reason why any early Christian, other than John himself, should have completely omitted all mention of such a prominent Apostle.'" (John MacArthur, The MacArthur New Testament Commentary, John 1-11, Moody Publishers, Chicago, 2006, p. 6).

If indeed the unnamed author of this gospel is the aged John the Apostle, how had he changed from when he was a younger man? (Contrast the humility involved in not naming oneself with the description of John in Mark 3:17; 10:35-41; Luke 9:46-50, 51-56.)

What in your character do you hope that Jesus changes for the better as you walk with him over the years to come?

4. Describe the progression of John's relationship with Jesus from these passages (John 1:35-40 [assuming the unnamed disciple here is John]; Mark 1:16-20; 3:13-17; Luke 9:28-36; John 13:21-27; 19:25-27).