

# BBS Study Weekend Syllabus

## The Gospel of John (NEW03a)



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### Overview

Standing in contrast to the other Gospel accounts, that of John deserves special attention. In this module the student will be introduced to the structure and significance of this book with an opportunity to explore a number of key passages from the first twelve chapters.

This is one of our New Testament Modules forming part of our Applied Biblical Studies course. Students working towards a British Bible School award will receive 5 Module Credits upon completion of all given assignments.

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### Module content

- The importance of the written Gospels cannot be overstated. Looking beyond the idea of a simple 'Life of Christ,' we will consider the message of John as it has been delivered to us.
- Aspects of the unique character of this Gospel will be noted and examined as part of our introductory sessions, and further observed as we work through the text.
- This Gospel is replete with a variety of contrasting and complementary themes. These will be developed as our studies progress.
- The significance of the signs recorded by John will be considered in their historic contexts, with an emphasis on their purpose in light of the message of this book.
- A number of textual issues will be addressed within the context in which they are found, helping to make sense of the nature of textual witnesses.
- The missional nature of the message of John's Gospel will be explored as we work our way through the text with a view to better understanding our own role within the mission of God.

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### Module outline

Unit 1 – An introduction to the Gospel of John

Unit 2 – Signs and other witnesses

Unit 3 – Preparation and promise \*

Unit 4 – Death and resurrection \*

Unit 5 – Reflections on John \*

*\* These units will be presented during the second half of this Module at a later date*

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## Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this module the student will:

- have a healthy understanding of the central message and principle themes of this book;
- be familiar with the events and characters that shaped this part of the story of God;
- have a deeper understanding of the significance of the message of this book, in light of the message of Scripture as a whole;
- better recognise the development of the revelation of the nature and character of God in the life of his Son;
- understand something of the importance of this book within the lives of early communities of believers;
- identify ways in which the teachings of Jesus revealed in this book might be of significant relevance to contemporary society.

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## Additional assignments

These are entirely optional but are required for those wishing to complete all Learning outcomes and attain Module credit towards a British Bible School award.

1. Attend all sessions of the Study Event\*
1. Read **chapters t.b.c.** of: Paterson, Andrew, *Opening up John's Gospel* (Day One Publications: Leominster, 2010) and write a *brief* personal assessment on each chapter. A copy of the book will be provided for each student.
2. Compose and submit **one** of the following:
  - a. A 300 word article, intended for publication, on an aspect of the Gospel of John.
  - b. A 4 to 5 minute audio recording or podcast on an aspect of the Gospel of John.
3. Write a 2,000 word essay on any **one** of the following: \*
  - a. "The Gospel of John as 'A Gospel for Today'"
  - b. "The Gospel of John and the first book of Moses"
  - c. "Light and Life in the Gospel of John"
  - d. "The revelation of God through the signs of Jesus"
  - e. .... more options to follow

For further guidelines, please consult the Student Handbook. Assignments should be submitted by e-mail to [study@britishbibleschool.com](mailto:study@britishbibleschool.com) with "ECP assignment" in the Subject field and your name clearly indicated. Assignments should generally be submitted within six months of the completion of class sessions.

\* Under certain circumstances exception may be made up to a maximum of 20% total class time.

\*\* You may, if you would prefer, write two x 1,000 word articles on **two** of the topics listed. Please supply word count. Word limits are to be observed +/- 10%.

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## Learning and assessment

*Applicable to entire Module OLD13 – parts one and two – including completion of additional assignments.*

Assignment	Time allocation	Outcome
Class presentations	16 hours	16 x 1 hour sessions
Reading plus assessment	6 hours	As assigned
Article/recording	8 hours	Choice of options
Essay (including reading)	20 hours	2,000 words
<b>Total</b>	<b>50 hours</b>	

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## Cost

We suggest a fee of £10 per student per weekend, just to help cover immediate costs. We are concerned that no-one is put off attending due to financial restraints so we will make available the opportunity to contribute as you are able. Refreshments will be provided, including lunch on Saturday.

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## Weekend details

**Dates:** Saturday and Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> September; 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Location:** 1 Scholars Gate, Greenhills, East Kilbride, G75 9JL

**Teachers:** *Patrick Boyns and Jon Galloway.*

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## Weekend programme – 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

*Saturday:*

- 09.00 – Arrival
- 09.30 – Session 1 – A general introduction
- 10.25 – Break
- 10.35 – Session 2 – The uniqueness of the Fourth Gospel
- 11.30 – Break
- 11.45 – Session 3 – The Prologue
- 12.40 – Lunch
- 13.30 – Session 4 – John and the first disciples
- 14.25 – Break
- 14.35 – Session 5 – Water into wine
- 15.30 – Break
- 15.40 – Session 6 – Nicodemus and new birth

16.30 – Farewell

*Sunday:*

09.45 – Arrival

10.00 – Session 7 – By the well in Samaria

10.50 – Break

11.00 – Session 8 – Bethesda and the opposition

11.50 – Communion and praise

12.30 – Conclusion

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## **Weekend programme – 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

*Saturday:*

09.00 – Arrival

09.30 – Session 1 – By Galilee

10.25 – Break

10.35 – Session 2 – The Feast of Tabernacles

11.30 – Break

11.45 – Session 3 – Light and truth

12.40 – Lunch

13.30 – Session 4 – A man born blind

14.25 – Break

14.35 – Session 5 – The good shepherd

15.30 – Break

15.40 – Session 6 – Lazarus and new life

16.30 – Farewell

*Sunday:*

09.45 – Arrival

10.00 – Session 7 – Anointing and arrival in Jerusalem

10.50 – Break

11.00 – Session 8 – The woman and her accusers

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12.30 – Conclusion

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## **Additional notes**