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 - He was a fisherman and a disciple of John the Baptist before he became a disciple of Jesus. He was at the crucifixion and was one of the first to witness the empty tomb. He helped launch the church in Jerusalem along with Simon Peter.
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JOHN'S GOSPEL

- The Date of the Gospel — 85 to 90 AD
- The Key Verse: John 3:16
- The Key Words: Jesus – 276 times; Father – 121 times; Believe – 88 times; world – 72 times; and life – 50 times.

THE OUTLINE OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

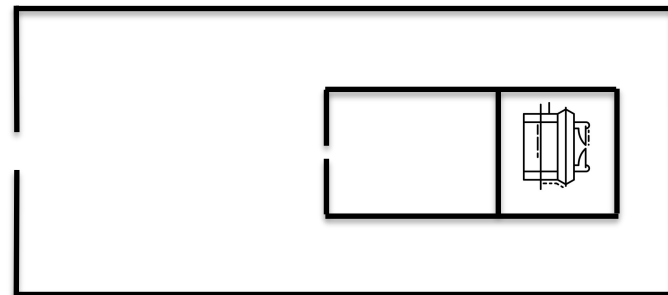
1. Jesus' public Ministry — John 1-12
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3. Jesus' death and resurrection — John 18-21

SOME KEYS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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7. Raising of Lazarus (11:1-46)	7. Vine (15:1)

THE GOSPEL'S PLACE IN THE SCRIPTURES

- Matthew was written to the Jews about a King.
- Mark was written to the Romans about a servant.
- Luke was written to the Greeks about a perfect man.
- John was written to the world about a Saviour.



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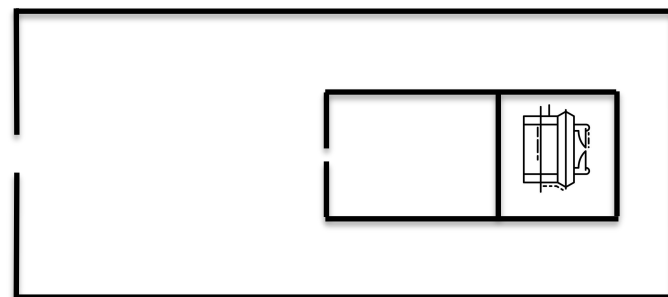
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