Interesting Facts About John

MEANING: “Yahweh Has Been Gracious.”

AUTHOR: John

TIME WRITTEN: Between 60-90 A.D.

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:
- 43rd Book in the Bible
- 4th Book in the New Testament
- 4th and last of 4 books of Biography (Matthew - John)
- 23 Books to follow it.

CHAPTERS: 21

VERSES: 879

WORDS: 19,099

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT JOHN:
- In Mark 3:17, Jesus nicknamed John and his brother James, “Sons of Thunder.”
- John was the son of Zebedee and Salome.
- It appears that John was a disciple of John the Baptist until he was called to follow Jesus at the outset of the Lord’s ministry. 1:19-61
- John is mentioned three times in the Book of Acts, and each time it is association with Peter. Acts 3:1; 4:13; 8:14
- According to Revelation 1:9, John was exiled to the Island of Patmos by the Romans.
- John is identified as the disciple “whom Jesus loved.”
- Tradition says that John later lived in Ephesus.
- John was second only to Paul in the number of New Testament books written. John authored five of the New Testament:
  - John
  - 1 John
  - 2 John
  - 3 John
  - Revelation
- John was probably the last surviving apostle.
- John’s purpose in writing is stated in John 20:31 - “... That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”
- Concerning the first four books of the New Testament:
  - Matthew wrote for a Jewish audience.
  - Mark wrote for a Roman audience.
  - Luke wrote for a Greek audience.
  - John wrote for everybody.
- John focuses on the meanings of the Lord’s actions rather than the actions themselves.
- The Book of John is topical rather than being so much chronological.
- The deity of Christ can be seen in the seven “I am” statements of Christ.
  - John 6:35, 48 - “I am the bread of life.”
  - John 8:12; 9:5 - “I am the light of the world.”
  - John 10:7, 9 - “I am the door.”
  - John 10:11, 14 - “I am the good shepherd.”
  - John 11:25 - “I am the resurrection and the life.”
  - John 14:6 - “I am the way, the truth, and the life.”
  - John 15:1 - “I am the vine.”
- In the Book of John, Christ refers to “the Father” more than 100 times.