

The Author - John

- A. The author is the apostle John.
- B. Four times in the book John tells us he wrote the Revelation.
 - 1. Revelation 1:1
 - 2. Revelation 1:4
 - 3. Revelation 1:9
 - 4. Revelation 22:8
- C. Facts about John
 - 1. Known to us as the apostle “whom Jesus loved.”
 - 2. One of the first men to be called an apostle.
 - 3. Last apostle mentioned in the New Testament.
 - 4. A native of Bethsaida in Galilee and a fisherman by occupation.
 - 5. He was the son of Zebedee and a brother of James that was killed with a sword in Jerusalem by Herod in Acts 12:1-2 in about 44 A.D.
 - 6. He spent a large part of his life in Galilee before moving to Ephesus.
 - 7. Some believe his mother was named Salome, the sister of Mary, the mother of Jesus (Matthew 27:56; Mark 15:40; Luke 23:49; John 19:25). If this is true, then John and Jesus were cousins.
 - 8. He was a successful business man as evidenced by:
 - a. He had hired servants. Mark 1:20
 - b. He owned his own home. John 19:26-27
 - c. He was known to the high priest. John 18:25
 - 9. In earlier years he had been a follower of John the Baptist. John 1:35; mark 1:16-20
 - 10. This “Son of Thunder” was a constant companion of Jesus and a part of the inner circle of Peter, James, and John.
 - 11. John received special mention on a number of occasions.
 - a. He went with Jesus into the death chamber of Janus’ daughter.
 - b. He witnessed the glory of the transfiguration.
 - c. He was one of the inner three in the garden of Gethsemane.
 - d. He followed Jesus through the illegal trials and on to the crucifixion.
 - e. From the cross, Jesus committed the care of His mother to John. A special responsibility.
 - f. He was one of the first to hear of the resurrection.
 - g. He was present when the Great Commission was given.
 - h. He was present when Jesus ascended back to Heaven.
 - i. About sixty years later, was specially blessed again when he was exiled to the island of Patmos where he recorded the things God caused to be revealed in the Revelation.

12. The Bible does not tell of his death.
13. Tradition records that as an aged man in Ephesus, John had to be carried to the services of the church. His weak voice would say, “Love one another, love one another.”
14. At the time of the Revelation, John had already written:
 - a. The Book of John
 - b. 2 John
 - c. 3 John
15. An interesting and challenging observation concerning John’s writings.
 - a. In the Book of John, he reaches farther back into eternity than any other writer. **John 1:1-3** - “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”
 - b. In the Revelation he reaches farther into eternity than any other writer. Revelation 21-22