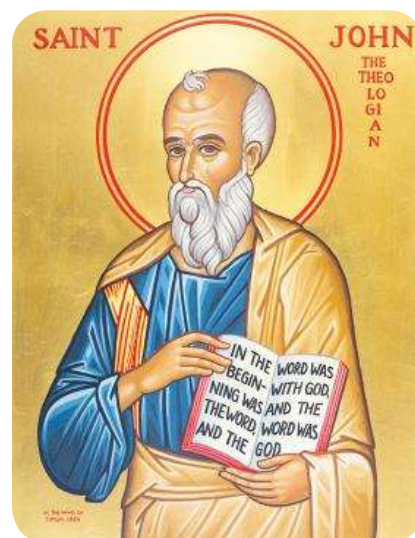


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The Gospel of St. John

- Author :** St. John, the apostle.
- Time :** 90-100 A.D.
- Purpose :** To prove that Lord Jesus is the Son of God and by believing in Him that you may have Eternal Life.
- Other Names :** The Spiritual Gospel.



Picture 5.1 - St. John

1. “I am the bread of life” (John 6:35)

Lord Jesus is the real food that gives us the Eternal Life. He is really present in the Eucharist. Therefore, we have to receive the Eucharist with respect and love. When we receive the Eucharist regularly, our spiritual life is nourished.

2. “I am the light of the world.” (John 8:12)

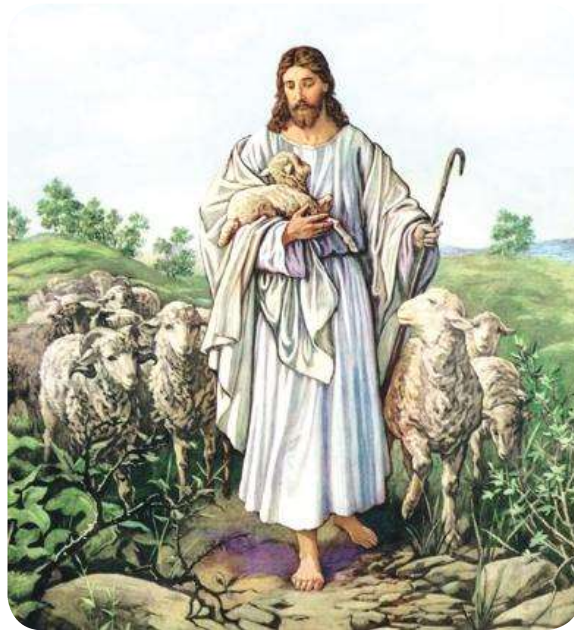
It is clear from the Gospels how Lord Jesus became a light to all. Not only by word, but also by deed and life, He became a light. Where there is light, there is no place for darkness. To live in light, one has to be free from sin. We must try to be the children of light.

3. “I am the gate for the sheep.” (John 10:7)

We are the sheep of Lord Jesus, the shepherd. We have to enter the Eternal Life through Lord Jesus, the gate for the sheep.

4. “I am the good shepherd.” (John 10:11)

The shepherd goes in front of the sheep and leads them. He does so in order to give the necessary protection and to lead in the necessary direction. As a good shepherd, Lord Jesus Christ guides us. We have to be His obedient and good sheep.



Picture 5.2 - Good Shepherd

5. “I am the resurrection and the life. (John 11:25)

Lord Jesus not only gives life, but also gives us a life that cannot be conquered by death. Just as He overcame death and resurrected, he will raise us to Eternal Life. In view of the life after death, we have to lead a good life.

6. “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” (John 14:6)

One who knows the way, knows the truth and has life can show the way, tell the truth and gives life to others. Lord Jesus knows the way which leads to God. He is the truth. If we believe in Him, we can attain Eternal Life. By going on the way (the doctrine), showed by Him, we can witness to the truth.

7. “I am the true vine.” (John 15:1)

If the branches of the vine to bear fruit, they have to get water and nourishment from the vine. Lord Jesus is the true vine. If we are to bear fruit, we have to be grafted to the vine. We have to be the branches of the true vine, Lord Jesus.

Activity



1. Write two purposes of writing the Gospel of St. John.
2. Write three “I am” sayings, found in the fourth Gospel.
3. Basing on your experiences, write ten sentences on “I am the good shepherd.”



For Life

Let us try to be the good sheep of the good shepherd.