

Introduction to John

John's Gospel is often given to people as a readable account of Jesus of Nazareth, yet it is also a sublime masterpiece, that has occupied theologians and mystics for centuries. It has been described as 'a book in which 'a child may paddle but an elephant can swim deep'. At the same time, however, it is still a story –the story of Jesus' deeds and words, his signs and teaching, and how these led to his arrest, death and resurrection. By following the flow of John's narrative, and showing how it is patterned and devised, this commentary unpacks the text to help the reader grow in understanding and faith.

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