

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION CHART



<b>BOOK TITLE</b>	The Gospel According to John
<b>AUTHOR</b>	John the Apostle
<b>PURPOSE</b>	To report the signs and wonders performed by Jesus so that the reader might believe that Jesus is the Christ, and that through believing, might obtain eternal life.
<b>DATE WRITTEN</b>	Between AD75 and AD100
<b>WHERE WRITTEN</b>	Unknown
<b>AUDIENCE</b>	Non-believers, both Jew and Gentile, in Israel and scattered throughout the Roman world.
<b>HISTORICAL SETTING</b>	<p>Written after the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem in AD70.                      All other books of the New Testament, excluding John's writing, had already been completed.                      The life of Jesus was already well-known at this time.                      Paul and Peter had already been martyred, and all the other apostles had already died.                      The events in the book take place during Jesus' 3 year ministry in Israel.                      Country under Roman rule and oppression.                      Nation waiting for the Messiah to redeem the nation.</p>
<b>GEOGRAPHICAL SETTING</b>	<p>Set entirely in the Holy Land.                      Bethany – 1:1-51; 10:40-12:11                      Cana – 2:1-12                      Jerusalem – 2:13-3:36; 5:1-47; 7:10-39; 12:12-20:31                      Samaria – 4:1-42                      Galilee – 4:43-54; 7:1-9                      Sea of Galilee – 6:1-15                      Capernaum – 6:16-71                      Sea of Tiberius – 21:1-25</p>
<b>KEY VERSE</b>	John 3:16 - <i>“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”</i>
<b>KEY WORD</b>	“ <i>Lord</i> ” - Appears 40 times
<b>OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION</b>	<p>Contains the 7 “<i>I Am</i>” statements and accompanying miracles of Jesus                      Bread of life – 6:35                      Light of the World – 8:12                      Before Abraham was born, I Am – 8:58                      Good Shepherd – 10:11                      Resurrection and the Life – 11:25                      Way, Truth and Life – 14:6                      True Vine – 15:1</p>

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