



Introduction to John Jim Burgen Jan 4th, 2026

// Bible References: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; John 1:1-5,14; 2:18-22; 3:16-17; 13:5, 12-14, 34-35; 15:12-13; 21:18-19; 21:24; Luke 9:54; Heb 1:3; 4:12; 1 John 4:7;

// Community Question: Share a New Years resolution you have made.

// Discussion Questions

1. Jim shared that God's Word isn't just ancient it's alive and still speaks into real life today. Can you remember a time when a verse, story, or moment in Scripture felt personal or timely for what you were walking through? What made that moment meaningful for you?
2. John waited 40-years before writing his Gospel. His story was shaped by time, reflection, and walking closely with Jesus. Looking back on your own journey, what is something God has shown you more clearly with time, something you may not have understood earlier in your faith or life?
How has perspective changed the way you see God or yourself?
3. John was once known as a "son of thunder," but later became known as the apostle of love. His life shows how being with Jesus reshapes a person over time. Where have you seen God soften, heal, or reshape your heart even just a little? Is there an area of hurt, frustration, or guardedness where you'd like Jesus to keep doing that work?
4. **Going Deeper:** Read John 13:5, 12-14, 34-35. Jesus shows His power through humility, service, and love washing feet instead of demanding status. What stands out to you most about Jesus in this moment? How does His definition of leadership or influence differ from what we usually see in the world? What's one small, practical way you could "wash feet" this week—at home, work, or in your relationships?

// Challenge: This week, choose 5-10 minutes once a day (morning, lunch, or before bed) to sit and read a few verses of **John**. Don't rush it, but simply ask, "*Jesus, what do You want me to see or hear right now?*" before you start reading.

Mid-Week Group Check-In: After reading John 1 for a few days, text the group and share one thing you noticed a word, phrase, question, or even a resistance you felt. No pressure for a "right" answer just share what stood out to you and respond to few others not with a fix, but support.