I. JOHN’S LIFE

1. His father was Zebedee.

2. His mother was Salome.

3. His brother was James.

4. His first mention is in Matt. 4:21.

5. His name means “The Grace of God”.

6. His nickname was “Son of Thunder”.

7. He wrote five books in the N.T.—John, 1, 2, & 3 John and Revelation.

8. His occupation was a fisherman.

9. His home originally was Bethsaida but later moved to Capernaum.

10. He was one of the inner three disciples of Jesus along with Peter and his brother James.

11. He cared for Jesus’ mother after the crucifixion.

12. He sat next to Jesus at the Last Supper—John 13:23.

13. He was one of the first to see the empty tomb—John 20:2-5.


16. He was often a companion of Peter—Acts 4:13.

17. He endorsed the ministry of Paul—Gal. 2:9.

18. He was banished to the Island of Patmos, a penal colony, where he wrote Revelations.

19. He is thought to have lived his final years out at Ephesus where he became their pastor.

20. He was probably the only disciple of the twelve to die a natural death.
II. JOHN’S WEAKNESSES

1. He had an explosive or fiery personality.

2. He was overly protective of Jesus—Mark 9:38.

3. He offended the other disciples with this request to sit on Jesus’ right or left.

III. JOHN’S LESSONS.

1. Although originally John had a harsh and critical spirit God changed him into an Apostle of Love.

2. He knew Scripture well saying often, “Jesus fulfilled scripture”.

3. He learned the importance of confessing sin—1 John 1:8-9.

4. He lived his life in close relationship with Jesus.