

Scraps from the margins of my Bible.

JOHN

with a little expansion
Phil Myers

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***bold** *underlined and **italicized*
i.e. **scattered**

SUBTITLE: GOOD NEWS FOR UNBELEIVERS


Introduction

1. Anti-Gnostic approach to theology
2. Themes: deity of Christ, the Father, abide, eternal life
3. Belief 98X [84 are in the context of salvation], believe is used 275X in NT
4. No use of words repentance or faith, faith is used 240X in NT, repent is used 64X in NT
5. No exorcism, no lepers
6. JB prominent, a lamp not the light, a voice [*in comparison to the Word, 1.1*]
7. I AM 23X
 - 6.35 bread
 - 9.5 light
 - 10.9 door
 - 10.11 shepherd
 - 11.25 resurrection & life
 - 14.6 way, truth, life
 - 15.1 vine
 - 18.37 King
8. John 13 last supper 14 Helper, Comforter 15 abide 17 Jesus' prayer
9. 64 geographical places mentioned in John: rivers, lakes, houses, Temple, gardens, tombs, etc.
10. 4 Passovers: 2.13 5.1 6.4 13.1
11. OT saints had no idea the Messiah would arrive teaching and arguing.

Chapter 1: 3 kinds of evangelism, *Dr. Nap Clark*

- 1.15 mass evangelism, JB preaching, least common, difficult for most people to gather a crowd
 - 1.41 friendship evangelism, Andrew brings brother, Peter, perhaps the hardest but most effective to win friends
 - 1.45 contact evangelism, Philip brings Nathanael [*stranger? He's only mentioned once more, ch. 21*]
- 1.5-11 3 sad "nots"
- 1.5 those in darkness did not comprehend the Light
- 1.10 the world knew Him not
- 1.11 His own received Him not
- 1.12 receive, a strange word but it is explained at the end of the verse in the word believe, to believe is to receive
- 1.14 the Word became flesh, Merry Christmas!
we beheld His glory, no clear biblical explanation unless it means the transfiguration
- 1.17 the Law was given:
the purpose of the Law was 6-fold:
1. Reveal the character of God, Lev 19.2
 2. Shed light on sin, Gal 3.19, all fall short Rom 3.23
 3. Set apart Israel as God's vehicle of truth, Ex 19.5
 4. Provide forgiveness, Lev 1-7, beyond atonement [*a covering*]
 5. Drive and draw men to God's sacrifice,
 6. Provide path of worship, Ex 21-23, Psa 119.97ff
- 1.19 Jews [*Sanhedrin, no doubt*] sent priests to JB, JB said "I am not the Messiah"
- 1.27 not worthy, I am so proud. I would have had a hard time admitting that there was any job I'm unworthy to do, especially like untying a king's shoes and washing His feet.
All the disciples discussed which [*of the disciples?*] would be worthy of the 2 highest seats in the Kingdom [*Luke 9.46 & 22.24, see also Mark 10.35ff*]. One mom even got in on the debate [*Matt 20.20,21*].
- 1.28 Jesus was not baptized now.

- 1.29 The finger of JB: Europe's churches have amassed enough bones reputed to be the right hand index finger of John the Baptist, to construct a small human skeleton. And it doesn't even say that JB pointed at Jesus when he said, "Behold the Lamb."
 1.31 **I knew Him not**, JB was Jesus' cousin. I wonder how old JB was when he first realized Jesus was the Messiah. *pjm, as a kid*
 1.36 **THE Lamb**, there were hundreds of lambs sacrificed at Passover, but only one was THE Lamb.
 1.51 When will **angels ascend & descend on Son of Man**, *pjm, sometime in the Kingdom?*

- 2.1 **Cana**, 7 miles north of Nazareth, 20 miles WNW of Sea of Galilee
 * was Mary already a widow, Jesus is 30 years old, *pjm, I think so*
 2.3 **they have no wine**, why did Mary care? Why did she tell Jesus?
 Jesus had evidently already picked His 12.
 I believe this verse is the reason the RC Church believes that "Jesus will always answer the prayers of His mother."
 And so they ask Mary to ask Jesus.
 2.4 **My hour is not yet come**, 7X 7.30,68 8.20 11.1 12.23,27 13.1
 * **His hour is come, that the Son of Man should be glorified**, John 12.23
 * **Jesus knew His hour was come**, John 13.1 17.1
 2.6,7 **after the manner of the purifying**, Kosher servants, Kosher waterpots, Kosher wine
 * How long to fill 100+ gallons of water? 30 minutes?
 * 1 gallon = 8 lbs. 1 pot = 160 lbs wine, 20 gallons [4 5-gallon buckets on a pole]
 * 2 servants could easily carry 1 waterpot hung on a pole btw them.
 2.10 **well drunk** = drunk, at least buzzed
 2.11 **disciples believed**,
 believed He could do miracles?
 believed He was the Messiah? *pjm, I choose to believe Jesus chose all saved men [except Judas]*
 believed for their salvation?
 2.12 **Jesus, mom, & brothers stayed aa few days**, family outing
 2.13 **Passover**, I count 4 Passovers in John.
 2.13 5.1 6.4 13.1
 2.14-16 **drove them out of the Temple**,
 Matt 21.12 records a second Temple clean-up 3 years later
 2.16 **house of merchandise** = business market
 2.19-22 prediction of death & resurrection
 * Drawn in Gospels dozens of times
 You get to guess what the icons in my Bible mean. ⇒ 
 2.23 **many believed in His name**, Jesus always explained the Gospel.
 2.25 **He knew what was in man**, Bible is the only book in the world which tells exactly and accurately what people are thinking.

- 3.3,5 **cannot see the Kingdom. . . cannot enter the Kingdom**, = equivalent to "born of the Spirit" in 3.6
 = equivalent to "everlasting life" in 3.16
 = equivalent to "saved" in Eph 2.8,9
 3.3 **born again** **gennathanai anothēn** **ανοθεν** = born from above
 Jesus made the point, 2 kinds of births: human & spiritual.
 3.5,6 **born of water. . . born of flesh** [contrasted with] **born of the Spirit**, born of God.
To be fair, there are at least 5 views of "born of water." Some are clearly heretical.
I have provided what I consider is the most grammatically correct.
 3.11,12 **receive not. . . believe not**, a real choice for which we are responsible
 n.b. believing comes before eternal life
[Calvinism teaches that eternal life comes before belief. One is so dead he cannot believe without "life."]
 3.16 **only begotten** **mono-gene** **μονο-γενε** uniquely born = one-of-a-kind
 3.17 **not. . . to condemn. . . but. . . be saved** not [only] sent to judge, but He does judge us—He is God.
 His judgment will come later for unbelievers, GWT? Rev 19 & 20
 3.30 **He must increase**, in importance in man's mind, in esteem by all, in worship

4. **JB [3.23] & Jesus**, perhaps the 2 most popular guys in town
- 4.4 **must go through Samaria**, Jesus planned His “contact evangelism” opportunity
Only 1 other trip to/from Jerusalem on west side of Jordan, Luke 9.51ff
- 4.12 **are you greater**, astute question
- 4.15 **this water**, does she believe in magic water [like from prophets?] Is she mocking? *pjm*, no and no
- 4.19 **married 5 husbands**, why doesn't she keep her mouth shut? I would have. She brings up 2 more controversial topics.
- 4.20 **this mountain**, Mt. Ebal, Deut 27, she and Jesus could see Mt. Ebal from Jacob's well
- 4.23 **true worshipper. . . the Father seeketh such**, “Sounds like this verse was written by Paul.” *Jack losti*
- 4.29,39 **told me all [the wicked] things I ever did**, and she wants others to know Him
the men, were they her former husbands? past Johns?
- 4.39,42 **many. . . believed. . . many more believed**, new believers are refreshing
- 4.43 stayed **two days**, Bible classes day & night, I'm sure
- 4.46 from Samaritan town north to **Galilee. . . Cana. . . Capernaum**, 4.3
- 4.48 **except ye see signs**, people who look for miracles—believe in miracles
* Jesus Himself, had taught the Jews to believe in the veracity of signs. This was evidence of faith in JHVH.
* Only 4 significant periods of signs & wonders in the Bible: Moses, Elijah, Jesus, and apostles.
* Most believers never ever saw a miracle!
- Most of John occurs in Jesus' 3rd year [chapters 6-10]. He had healed [perhaps] thousands already.
- 4.49,50 **nobleman. . . believed**, a. in the healing, b. also in Jesus' Messiahship [or Messiah-like], also salvation *pjm*, and family, v.53

- 5.1 **feast of the Jews**, not all think this was a Passover, but I do, cf 2.13 *some think Purim, no bib. support*
- 5.3,4 **Bethesda. . . pool**, support-group waiting room
* Was their trust in: God? Magic pool? Friend to help? Angel? The water?
* How many came on “lucky Wednesday” only? First Friday? Lived there, but begged elsewhere?
* I've been there. Down steps. Not “on the way” to anyplace particular. Near the Temple area. Bad begging spot.
- 5.5 **certain man**, Resident? On his first day? How many days in 38 years had he come? Twice? T.B.D.S. [The Bible Doesn't Say]
- 5.17,18 **My Father**, a statement of deity
• equal to God, 1.1-3 8.59 10.31 19.7 Matt 26.64,65 I Cor 8.6
- 5.17-27 **Father. . . Son**, 19X I John, Father 12X Son 20X
- 5.23 perhaps the strongest “Deity Clincher” **honor the Son even AS they honor the Father!**
Louie's mom trusted Jesus with this verse. She was Jehovah's Witness and had not honored Son **AS**. . .
- 5.47 **if ye believe not his [Moses'] writings**, Stephen's sermon ended with a statement like this, Acts 7.53, and he was stoned.

Chapters 6-10 = 3rd year of Jesus' ministry Synoptic Gospels [Matt, Mark, Luke] are virtually silent about 3rd year.
“believe” is found 9X in this chapter

- 6.5-9 **Philip. . . where buy bread [donuts, pita?]** no faith
Andrew. . . 5 loaves. . . 2 fish little faith, but faith in the right person, Jesus
- 6.10 **make the men sit down** faith before lunch wagon shows up
- 6.12 **were filled** Magda made the children in her Bible class eat bread until they were “full”
Betha Jesus sent the 12 baskets home to the **lad's** mama. 6.13
- 6.14 **that prophet**, Deut 18.15 Acts 17.37 “one like Moses”
* Did anyone make the connection? Miracle ⇔ prophet ⇔ King ⇔ Messiah?
- 6.19 **rowed** 3+ miles in 10 hours, [no sail?], and the reason they didn't simply turn back and let the wind drive them to shore????
Normal rowboat speed = 1-2 mph, seasoned fishermen, heavy boat, 12 men, 20' ? Galilee = 8 miles wide
- 6.20,221 **fear not**, too late, scared stiff! Immediately arrived at other shore!
- 6.28,29 **work the works of God. . . BELIEVE**, incredibly simple, best verse about **not of works** in Gospels.
- 6.30 **what sign. . . so that we might SEE and believe**, “Are you kidding? I just fed 15,000 people 20 verses ago!”
see 4.48
- 6.30ff **comes to Me, learns, eats, believes, drinks, know Him, draw near**, = salvation, find all of 'em
- 6.31 **mana**, no planting, watering, harvesting, threshing, winnowing, storing baking?
- 6.37 **in no wise cast out, ou me ekbalo exo** = no, not ever cast out, emphatic, double negative
- 6.39 **I should lose nothing**, re-emphasis of verse 37
- 6.40 **I WILL raise him up at the last day**, double re-emphasis
- 6.44 **I WILL raise him up at the last day**, and again, for those not listening.
- 6.47 **believe on Me HAS everlasting life**, get it?
- 6.50 **eat. . . and not die**, repeated

- 6.51 he shall live forever, repeated
 6.54 hath eternal life, repeated
I WILL raise him up at the last day, repeated
 6.57 he shall live by Me, and once again
 6.58 shall live forever, Whew!

- 7.5 neither did His brethren believe, this doesn't mean they weren't saved.
 Which part didn't they believe?
 A. His deity?
 B. That He could do miracles?
 C. His Messiahship? *pjm*
 * Mary didn't "believe" the Messiah would appear in her day until she was told, but she was a "believer," i.e. saved.
 * James, Jesus bro, [not one of the 12 disciples], becomes pastor of the new church of thousands within ___?__ [months? a year ?] after Pentecost. You wouldn't appoint a baby Christian as pastor.
 * None of the 12 apostles were appointed to that position. James, in my opinion, was slow to realize his big brother was the promised Messiah, but James was a true believer in the God of Abraham since childhood. *pjm*
 * There were [my opinion] many thousands of believers eagerly waiting for the Messiah on Christmas Eve but it took 30 years before they found out the Messiah had come. Just because they didn't "believe in Him" when He was 12 years old doesn't mean they weren't saved. *pjm*
- 7.6 Jesus' response to their unbelief = My time has not yet come. Then He speaks to His disciples and it seems His brothers were also standing there.
- 7.13 for fear of the Jews, What Jews? Everybody was a Jew. Seems to refer to the leadership several times throughout the book.
 see 1.19 as example
- 7.14 the feast, Passover? Nope. Passover = 2.13 5.1 6.4 13.1
 4 Passovers indicates 3+ years of ministry
- 7.28 then cried Jesus, shouted? Hollered? I can't wait! I've asked Jesus already to read the whole Bible just to me so that I can hear what tone of voice people had: in the Gospels, Gen 22, some of the Psalms, all of the book of Acts, even places where I think God chuckles.
- 7.41 out of Galilee, Jesus had a Galilean accent, maybe like South Philly.
- 7.51 doth our Law judge...before it hear him, Roman laws perhaps copied this Mosaic principle from 1,000 years prior.
- 7.50,52 they ignore Nicodemus' question and just attack Nicodemus.

- 8.2,6 wrote on the ground, the Temple area was paved with stone, not dirt
- 8.7 he who is without sin, only Jesus is "without sin" and He is wagging His boney finger at them.
- 8.11 neither do I condemn thee, Jesus did not negate the Law, He illustrated it
- 8.22 kill Himself, did they think suicide meant automatic damnation?
- 8.33 never been enslaved???, Egypt? Babylon? Midian? Philistia? Assyria? Rome?
We be Abraham's seed, believers, v.31 unbelievers, v.37
- 8.36 free indeed, the Cross is our Emancipation Proclamation
- 8.44 I heard someone say we can only lie if we know the truth
- 8.53 two great questions: Are You greater than Abraham? Who are You?

- 9.7 go wash in Siloam, 1/4 mile down the hill, been there, done that
 I wonder whether he went thru Hezekiah's tunnel.
- 9.16 How can a...sinner do such miracles?, Moses? Elijah? Elisha? Disciples? Apostles?
- 9.22 if any man did confess that He was Messiah [Christ], How would admitting their son was healed by Jesus confirm Messiahship?
- 9.25 Salvation faith was not necessary for healing, as many "faith healers" claim.

- 10.1 parable of Good Shepherd: the only parable in John
- 10.11 Good Shepherd lays down, good? competent? honest? responsible? nice? kind? or divine?
 John 10.17,18 John 15.13 I John 3.16 John 13.38 [Peter]
- 10.14 I know My sheep, intimately, infinitely
- 10.17 I lay down My life, I'll do it next week.
- 10.25-30 I AM THE RESURRECTION!!!, What was Jesus' inflection? Shouting? Fury? Sadness? Disgust? Despair? Somber?

- 11.1 end of Jesus' public ministry, and we're only halfway through the book.
 11.21,22 gentle rebuke to Martha, she didn't know Jesus' plan, I picture the bro & 2 sisters about age 35
 11.21,32 **if You had...**, both sisters chided the Son of God. So did the people, v.37
 11.44 was Lazarus carrying 100 lbs of spices? cf Nicodemus at Jesus' tomb, John 19.39

Passion Week Jerusalem's population = 200,000 according to Josephus

- ⇒ Matt 8 chapters
 ⇒ Mark 6 chapters
 ⇒ Luke 6 chapters
 ⇒ John 10 chapters
 12.3 John 12.3 Mary & Martha's house, **Mary anoints** Jesus' feet
 Matt 26.6 Simon's house, woman anoints Jesus' head
 Mark 14.3 Simon's house, woman anoints Jesus' head
 Luke 7.37 Simon's house, sinful woman anoints Jesus' feet
 12.21 **Philip**, only disciple with a Greek name
 12.27 **For this cause came I unto this hour!**, "I've been looking forward to this for all eternity!"
 Jesus had been on Death Row for 3 years, knew His due date.

Chapters 13,14,15,16 A 4-chapter speech to the disciples and then a 1-chapter High Priestly Prayer for them specifically.
 Chapter 17 Their ordination prayer, chapter 17.

- 13-17 Jesus' last message
 13.1 4th Passover
 13.4 **took a towel**, "The Dirty Towel Club" The 12 had been discussing greatness.
 I've thought about it, but I wouldn't discuss it with my friends.
 At this point in my life I've decided that just being faithful will be enough for me. "Comparisons are odious."
 Early in my ministry I had a friend say, "Phil, I think you've got a case of I-itis."
 I have thanked God for that good friend many times.
 13.8 **no part**, Jesus describes "fellowship" to His really close friend, Peter.
 13.14 Will He fix His eyes on me some day and ask, "Phil, why didn't you wash. . . ?"
 13.26 **sop**, but no bread or wine mentioned
 Didn't anyone besides Peter & John understand the sop?
 13.27,28 **Satan**, already in the room at the Last Supper, before Judas left in verse 30
 Do demons gather when churches like ours celebrate the Lord's Supper?
 13.29 **buy. . . things. . . feast**, we often think that Jesus celebrated the Seder meal [*Passover feast*] as the Lord's Supper.
 13.32 **God will glorify Him [Jesus] in Himself**, some day we will understand this verse
 13.34,35 I have drawn a red heart over the words "love" in hundreds of places in my Bible
 13.37,38 Peter: **I will lay down my life. . . [Jesus] will you lay down thy life [Peter] for My sake?**
 Denies 3X, 21.17

- 14.3 **if [since or when] I go and prepare a place**, "This is wedding talk for the disciples." *Dr. Johnny Miller*
 14.12 **greater works than these**, the apostles' future spiritual victories are greater than mere miracles
 14.15 **if you love Me**, notice that I capitalize all of Jesus' pronouns [*American culture*]
 "Our temperature of love is measured with the thermometer of obedience."
 14.17 **abide with you [prior to Pentecost] and will be in you**, after Pentecost.
 14.14-28 **if**, 4X, Why?

15 2,5,8 fruitfulness }
 5 power } *Pastor Steve Brown*
 11 joy }

- 15 **abide**, I think I counted abide 10X "Abiding is simply continual fellowship." *Michael Gilchrist*
 15.5 **ye can do nothing**, "We are as helpless as a ventriloquist's dummy." *Clif Kirk*
 15.7 **ask whatever you wish**, "Whatever glorifies God." *Michael Gilchrist*
 15.9-17 **love**, 7X see also I John 3 & 4
 15.18-25 **hate**, 8X

- 16.7 **I will send Him**, Was the HS not indwelling anyone during the years of the incarnation?
 16.19 **and you will not see Me. . .and you will see Me**, 40 days, post resurrection
 16.29 **You are speaking plainly**, but they still didn't get it until after His death and resurrection
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- 17 longest prayer in the NT
 Rom 8.27 [*Spirit prays*] Rom 8.34 [*Jesus prays*]
- 17.1 **the hour has come**, "not come" = John 2.4 7.6,8,30 8.20
 17.2 God give believers to Jesus *see also 17.6,7,9,24 and 6.37,39*
 17.11 **You have given them to Me THAT [because]**, "This is the reason they were given." *Pastor Ivan Felton*
 17.15 **keep them from evil**, and Phil, why do you think you have been kept from evil [*The Evil One*] all these years? Duh?
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- 18.6 **drew back and fell to the ground**, What kind of person did the soldiers expect to find?
 18.13 **Annas, #1**, first trial at Annas' house? Worthy of death, *see 18.31*
 18.17-27 **Peter denied**, denial predicted in 13.38 [*5 chapters ago*], no record of Peter's anguish, *Luke 22.62*
 18.19,21 **high priest questioned** Jesus, I wonder if Annas had ever heard Jesus speak or teach, *pjm, no opinion*
 18.24 **Caiaphas' house ?**, #2, second trial, "One man should die," *John 11.50*
 18.28 **Pilate's palace**, #3, third trial, no fault
 Luke 23.7 **Herod's palace**, #4, fourth trial, no fault
 Lk 23.11 **Pilate's palace [again]**, #5, fifth trial, no fault
 18.40 **Barabbas**, robber, Acts 3.14 murderer Luke 23.19 insurrection
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- 19.5 **Behold, the Man**, "Ecce Homo" Latin, Pilate seemed to believe that public humiliation would be punishment enough, plus a bit of flogging.
 19.11 **he that delivered Me hath the greater sin**, Judas? High Priest? Sanhedrin? *pjm, Judas, Mark 14.21*
 19.21 **I AM King**, the 8th I AM in John
 19.26 **Woman, behold thy son**, 7 sayings of Jesus from the Cross, one possible chronology
 - Luke 23.34, Father, forgive them
 - Luke 23.43, today. . .paradise
 - John 19.26, Woman, behold your son
 DARKNESS
 - Mark 15.34, Eloi, Eloi
 - John 19.28, I thirst
 - John 19.30, It is finished
 - Luke 23.46, *cried with a loud voice*
 - Luke 23.46, Into Thy hands
- 19.27 John took Mary home
 19.35 no torn veil, no miracles
 19.36,37 Messianic predictions fulfilled:
 no bones broken [*Psa 34.20*]
 they pierced Him [*Zech 12.10*]
 buried in rich man's tomb [*Isa 53.9*]
- 19.39 100 lbs of spices, had Lazarus come forth bound in 100 lbs spices? ch 11
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- 20.1 Other women had been told to go tell disciples. Mary Magdalene came alone later after them? no guard, no angels
 20.2 Did John sleep at Peter's house? Where was Mary [*mother*] if John took her home?
 20.5,9 **did not understand**, Did John conclude Jesus was still dead? No angels.
 But Pharisees had understood Jesus' prediction, *Matt 27.65,66*
 * *Study presence of angels in all 4 Gospel accounts.*
- 20.11,12 **Mary M** followed the faster boys [*2.1*], this is her second visit to the tomb.
 2 angels
- 20.13-16 Mary **said**, what language was she speaking to angels, later to Jesus? Jesus says, "**Mary**." She answers in Aramaic, **Rabboni!**
 20.19 **doors being shut**, [*2nd time doors shut, v.26*]
 20.21 **so send I you!**, The Great Commission [*not the Great Suggestion*], Matt 28.19,20 Luke 10.2 Mark 16.15 Acts 1.8
 20.23 **if you forgive**, Go tell all the believers their sins are forgiven [*not just "atoned for"*] because the payment has been made!
 The crucifixion supplants the Day of Atonement as the high day of the year.
 Good Friday has long been my favorite day. He took a bullet for me, a sinner.

20.24 **one of the 12, Didymus** = the twin
 Matt 28.16, they were already called THE ELEVEN.
 Acts 1.26 Matthias is "numbered with the ELEVEN." Acts 6.2 the group is re-labeled as "THE TWELVE."
 * Yes, there is no doubt that God calls His gang "the 12." Matthias is an apostle, for real.
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20.30,31 **many other signs. . .but these** [9, nine signs] **are written that you might BELIEVE:** in Gospel of John

1. Wine
2. Noble's son
3. Bethesda
4. 5,000
5. Walk on water
6. Blind bar-Timaeus
7. Lazarus
8. 153 fish
9. Resurrection

Context is not actually that the whole book of John was written "that you may believe." But obviously that statement is also true.

21.11 **large fish, 153.** Tilapia? Somebody's best guess, nets, no bait needed. *Rod and reel hadn't been invented, nor fly rods.*

* Galilee has 27 species of fish, 10 are good catches

* @ 2 lbs avg = 306 lbs and you wonder why they called Peter "the big fisherman?"

* @ 2.5 lbs avg = 382 lbs

21.15 **love Me?** Jesus' words = agape Peter's 3 answers = phileo

Both mean "love" love wife or love chicken

Peter refused to use agape. Phileo is similar to, "Jesus, you know I really, really like you as a brother.

21.16 **a second time.** Was this 20 minutes later? Right away? Much later in the evening?