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**A STUDY OF THE  
GOSPEL OF JOHN**

**Introduction**



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**Holy, Holy, Holy**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwuDSw-9cUQ>



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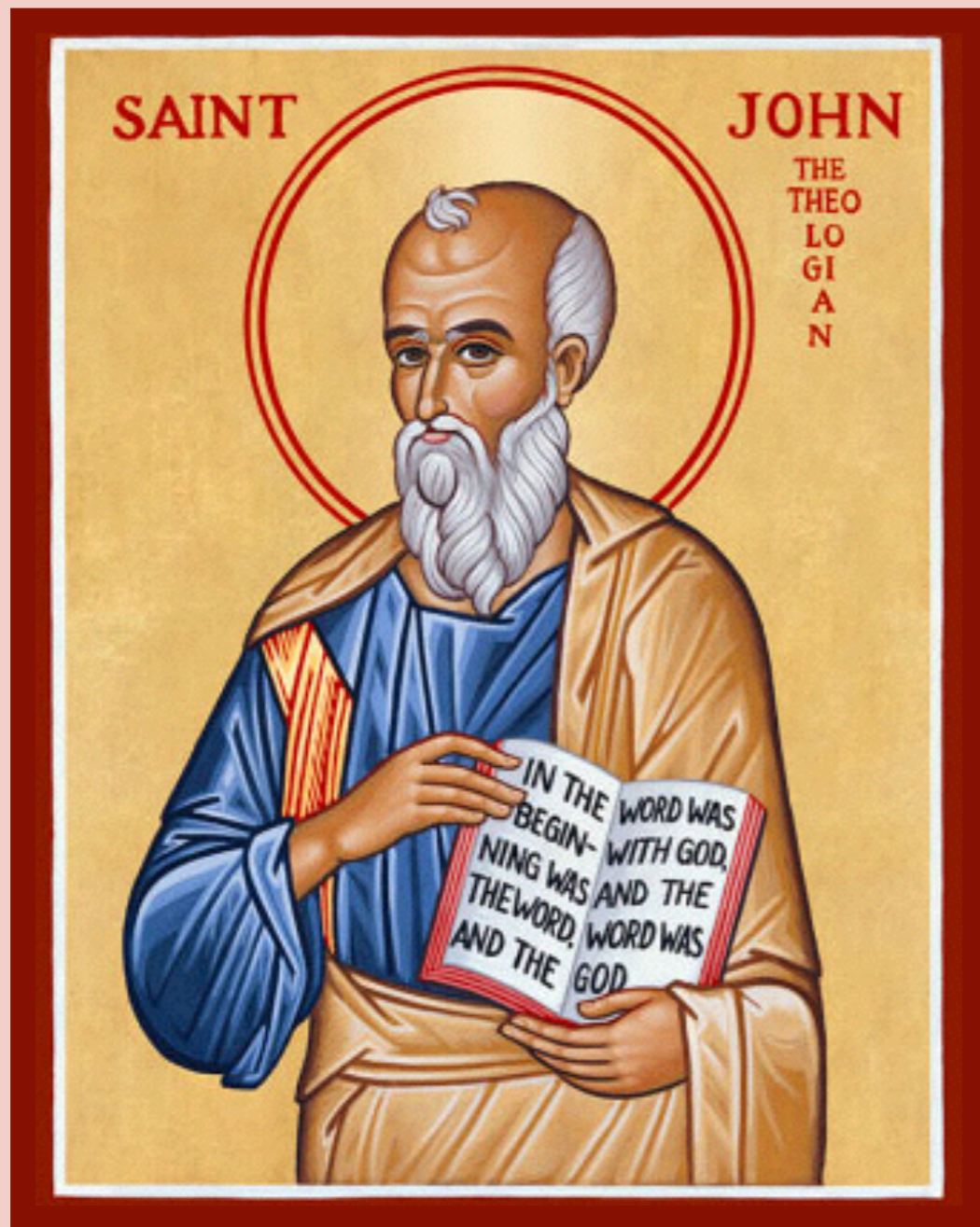
# Memory Verse

**In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.**

**John 1:1**



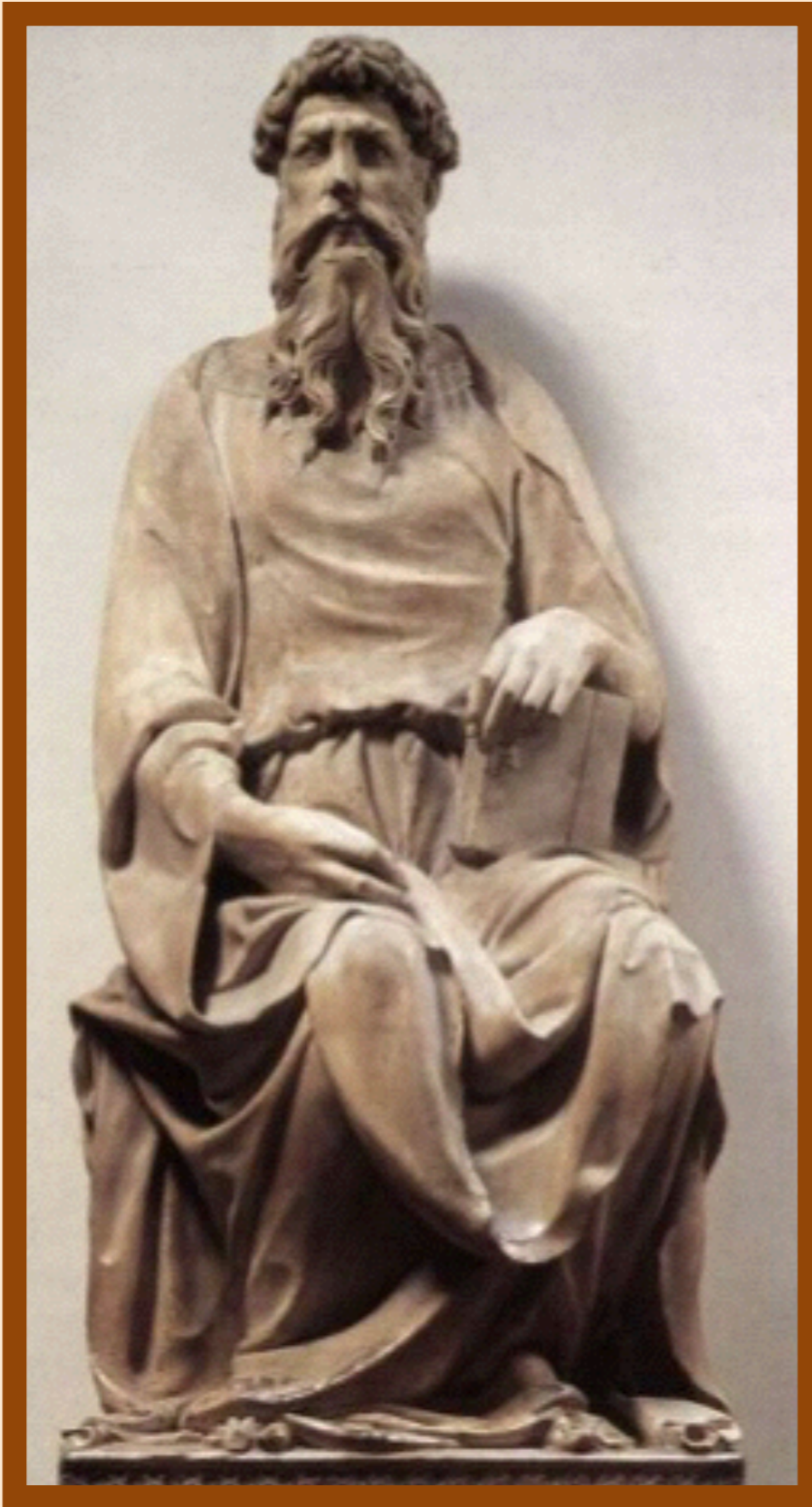
# The Gospel According to John



“At one level it [The Gospel of John] is the simplest of all the gospels; at another level it is the most profound.”

N.T. Wright

**Today**



**by Donatello 1410-11  
Museo dell'Opera a del Duomo, Florence**

**Author  
of the  
Gospel**

**His  
Purpose  
in Writing It**

**FAQ's**

# Author of the Gospel

# Who is the Author of the Gospel According to John?

**Someone who:**

- **truly loved Jesus.**
- **was a close friend.**
- **spent many years pondering what Jesus did, said, and achieved.**
- **was prayerful.**
- **wanted to share his insights with others.**





# Who is John?



Bishop's Palace  
Galveston, TX

- Younger son of Zebedee and brother of James. (Mark 1:19)
- Fisherman who obeyed the call to follow (Mark 1:20)
- Partner with James & Peter (Luke 5:10)
- One in the inner circle of disciples (Mark 5:37, 9:2, 14:33)
- Not tolerant (Luke 9:49) and had a temper (Luke 9:54). Jesus said he was one of the Sons of Thunder. (Mark 3:17)
- Lived in Ephesus and was familiar with the Greek culture.

# The Purpose in Writing the Gospel

# What was the purpose?

The gospel was probably written ~AD 100 in Ephesus.



The target audience was the Greeks,  
many of whom did not have a Judaic background.

# What was the purpose?

#1: John was aiming to reach the Greeks.

- The Greeks were people who understood reasoning and could believe that God had a reason for doing things.
- The Greeks believed in the existence of 2 worlds - one they saw which was imperfect and one unseen which was perfect. So they could see that Jesus was giving us a glimpse into the unseen.



# What was the purpose?



**#2: John wanted to squash the heresies, especially those of the Gnostics.**

**#3: John wanted to give readers a spiritual gospel not an historical gospel.**

# What was the purpose?

**#4: John wanted to emphasize the humanity of Jesus (He tired, ate, wept, bled, etc.) and the divinity of Jesus (Jesus's pre-existence, his omniscience, etc.).**



**#5: John wanted to conclusively prove that Jesus is the Son of God and that all believe in him will have eternal life!**

# Frequently Asked Questions about BSD

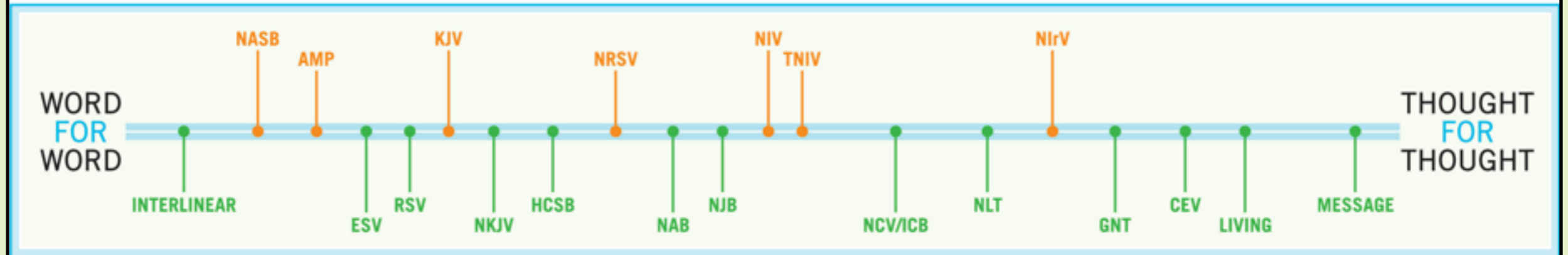
**These websites enable you to compare  
multiple translations of the same  
passages.**

**[www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)**

**[www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com)**



## TRANSLATION CONTINUUM



This continuum shows how different Bible translations fit into the word-for-word and thought-for-thought translation philosophies.

**We recommend using:**

**Translation as your primary resource  
(ESV, NRSV, NKJV, NIV)**

**Paraphrase as a supplemental resource  
(The Message, Living Bible, NLT)**

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# Lectures

- **Each lecture will be a preview of next week's lesson.**
- **The purpose of the lecture is to enhance, clarify, and expand on what the participants will study that week.**
- **Opening music styles are chosen by the lecturer and are appropriate to the study for the week. You may sing, hum, or just listen, but allow the music to prepare your hearts for what you are about to hear.**

# Where can I find all the slideshows and lectures?

**MDPC App (free)**

**Website [mdpc.org](http://mdpc.org)  
and search **bsd resources**  
or**

**click on Resources + Audio Recordings**

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## Closing Prayer



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