

The Gospel of John -- Who is Jesus Christ

John reveals the ONE who gloriously dwelt on this earth--He reveals the deity of Jesus Christ. John is the fourth book of the gospel and completes the fourfold picture of Jesus Christ.

Say it! Play it! Pray it!

- Objectives:** Play out the Role of Jesus during his life. Gain insight into your own faith. Have fun with your family.
- Number of Players:** 3 - 6 or more (narrator, Jesus, John the Baptist, Nicodemus, Jewish people)
- Length:** 30 minutes - 1 hour
You can get as elaborate as you like.
- Set up:** As the Narrator is reading, the separate characters should act out what is being said and dramatize how these events make them feel.

Scene one: John the Baptist is baptizing people in the river and he says as he sees Jesus coming toward them.

Narrator: "All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made...and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John the baptist: Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water.

Scene two: the people are having the Passover feast. Jesus and his disciples are eating when Nicodemus arrives in the night to speak with Jesus.

Narrator: When Jesus was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man. There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him,

Nicodemus: Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.

Jesus: Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus: How can these things be?

Jesus: Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? I have told you of earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting



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life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Scene three: Jesus is in the tabernacle and it is full of people and the scriptures are being read by the Jewish leaders.

Narrator: After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him. Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand... On the last day, that great day of the feast Jesus stood and cried out, saying,

Jesus: If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.

Scene four: Jesus prays to the Father

Narrator: But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them."

Narrator: Jesus prays for Himself, His disciples, and for all believers throughout time.

Jesus: Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You... I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I do not pray that you would take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be perfect in one, and the the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love which You love Me may be in them, and I in them.

Discussion: Have each person share how it felt to them to play the role they did and what insights they gained about the people they played, God's character and their own life. Questions to consider: Why do you think that Nicodemus came to Jesus at night? Why do you think that the religious leaders did not believe in Jesus? How does the fact that Jesus prayed for you before you were even born influence your love of Him? What can you do this week that will show your love for Jesus?

Prayer: Close in prayer thanking God for His provision and for all that you have learned and the fun you had with your family.