

Reflections

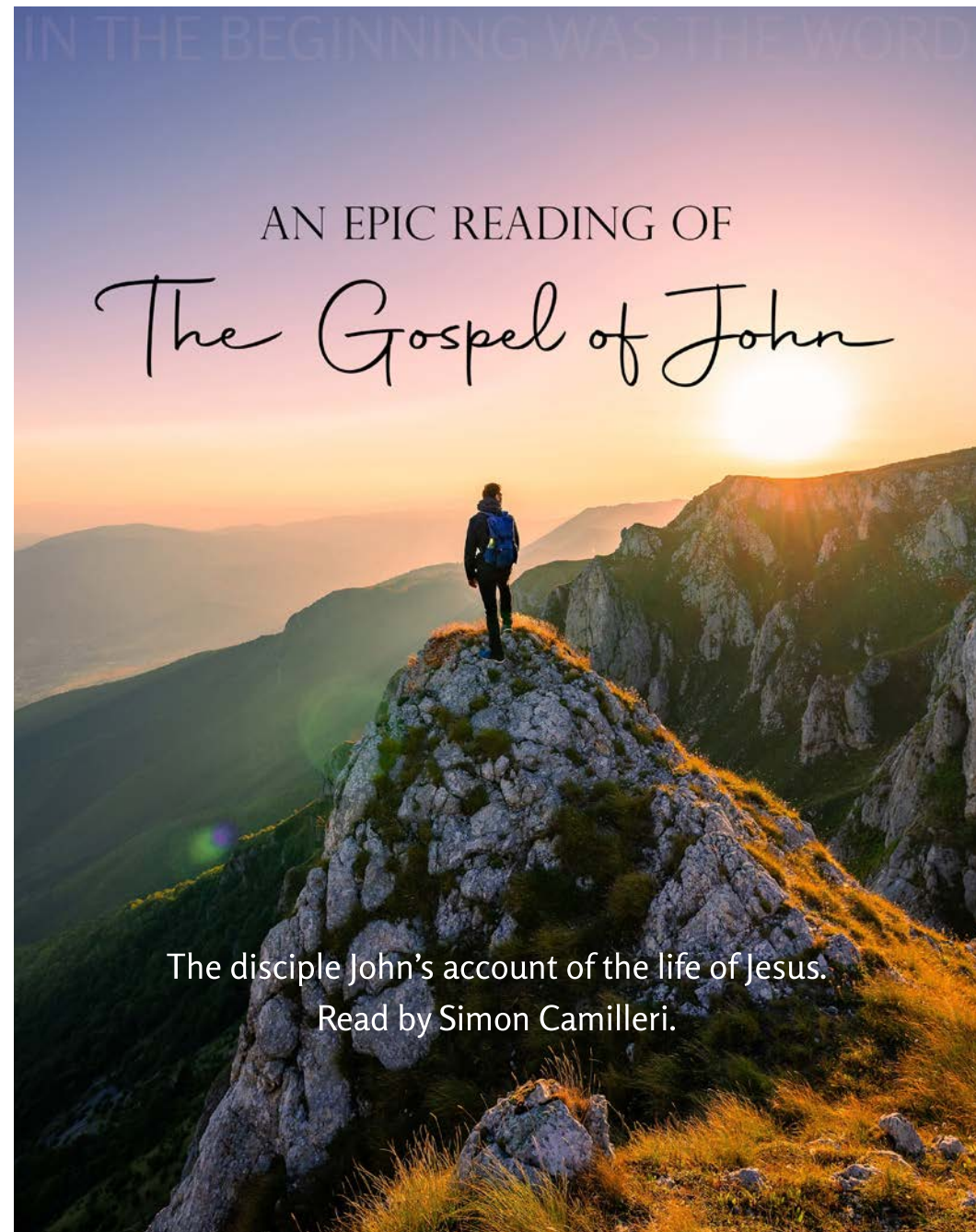
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The epic reading of The Gospel of John has been a wonderful challenge for Simon to prepare for over the last few months and it is his joy to present it to you free of charge. If you would like to support Simon in his ministry, feel free to give a gift by using this QR code. Thank you.



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The Gospel of John

The Gospel of John is one of four biographies of Jesus included in the New Testament (alongside Matthew, Mark and Luke). The word “Gospel” means “good news” and these accounts record for us who Jesus is, what he taught and what he came to do.

The Gospel of John is believed to be the last of the four accounts written. It was composed within the first century. Some scholars date it as early as the AD 60s, others the AD 90s - well within living memory of the figure of Jesus.

Throughout the Gospel account, its author refers to himself by the mysterious and intimate title “the disciple Jesus loved”. He tells us that he was one of the twelve disciples - Jesus’ inner circle of followers. He also states that he was a first-hand eyewitness to the events he is recording (see John 19:35 & 21:24). Evidence points to what the testimony of early Christians agreed upon - that this Gospel account was written by the disciple John.

This makes The Gospel of John a very historically significant document. It is an eyewitness testimony of what Jesus actually said and did - an account of his life, his teaching, his miraculous signs, his death and even his resurrection, from someone who was there to see it all with his own eyes. John writes with this earnest desire: “The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.” (John 19:35)

Act One

Chapters 1 - 11 (sometimes called “The Book of Signs”)

25 MINUTE INTERMISSION

Act Two

Chapters 12 - 21 (Sometimes called “The Book of Glory”)

Simon will be reading from the New International Version (NIV) translation.
During the epic reading, feel free to either read along in a Bible or simply listen.
You can also use the spaces provided in this program to write or draw your reflections.

Follow the Threads

LIFE	LIGHT	LOVE
BELIEVE	“I AM”	TRUTH
WORD	GLORY	WORLD

These are some of the re-occurring themes and key phrases that John uses throughout his account.

Keep an ear out for them.

If you want to, keep track of how many times they come up. Alternatively, feel free to just pick one or two phrases that you will particularly focus on.

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