**Bible Marking Sheet**

**The Epistles of John - 1**

**AUTHOR**

1. One of the 12 apostles **Acts 1:13**
2. Son of Zebedee and likely Salome who was among those that ministered unto Jesus **Mt 4:21; 10:2; Mk 15:40; 16:1; Mt 27:55-56 Mk 15:41**
3. Likely the younger brother of James son of Zebedee   
   **Mk 10:35; Lk 5:10**
4. Likely Cousin to Jesus
   * Mother Salome being the sister of Mary **Mt 27:56; Mk 15:40; Jn 19:25** (comparing these three accounts and the lists of the women there yields: sister of Christs mother = Salome = mother of Zebedee’s children)

**FROM WHERE**

1. From Bethsaida – Grk. “House of fish” –> North East side of the sea of Galilee **Jn 1:40-44**
2. From a fishing business of sufficient significance that there was a partnership with Peter, Andrew, Peter’s brother and hired servants **Mk 1:19-20; Lk 5:10; Mt. 4:18**
3. Zebedee was left by his sons to run the business **Lk 5:11**
4. Family of some means with a likely property in Judea as well  
   **Jn 19:27**

**FACTS**

1. Access to the high priest and his palace **Jn 18:15**
2. Called with his brother “the sons of thunder” by Christ for misunderstanding the purpose and approach of Christ in his first coming **Mk 3:17; Lk 9:51-56**
3. Not seeing the full picture, he forbad a man from casting out demons in Jesus’ name because he was not part of the twelve  
   [**Mk 9:38-41**](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Mark%209.38-41)
4. With Andrew, he saw the raising to life again of Jairus’ daughter **Mk 5:37**
5. With Peter and James, he was an eye-witness of Christ on the mount of transfiguration **Mt 17:1-13; Lk 9:27-36**
6. Lay on the bosom of the Lord **Jn 13:23**
7. He was part of the inner circle of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane **Mt 26:37**
8. Jesus turned the care of his mother to him [**Jn 19:25-27**](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%2019.25-27)
9. Ministered with Peter at the inception of the 1st century ecclesia [**Acts 3:1**](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%203.1)**;**[**4:13**](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%204.13)**;**[**8:14**](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%208.14)
10. Known as a “pillar” in the Jerusalem church [**Gal 2:9**](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gal%202.9)

**GENESIS & THE EPISTLES OF JOHN**

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| **Top 10 Comparisons** | | **Genesis** | **Epistles of John** |
| Beginning | | 1:1 | 1 Jn. 1:1; 2:7, 11-14, 24; 3:8, 11 |
| Light vs. Darkness | | 1:2 | 1 Jn. 1:5, 7; 2:8-10 |
| Good vs. Evil | | 2:16-17 | 3 Jn. 1:11 |
| Keep Commandments | | 2:16-17 | 2 Jn. 1:6 |
| Truth vs. Error/Lies/Deceit | | 2:16-17; 3:1-2 | 1 Jn. 4:6 |
| Eternal Life vs. Death | | 2:22-24 | 1 Jn. 2:25; 5:13 |
| Father vs. The World/Devil/Antichrist | | 3:15 | 1 Jn. 2:25-26; 3:17 |
| Born of God, Children/Sons of God vs. Children of the Devil | | 3:15 | 1 Jn.2:29; 3:9; 5:1, 4, 18 |
| Love of Brethren vs. Hate of Brethren/Murder | | 4 | 1 Jn. 3:13-14, 16 |
| Abel -> Righteous Works vs. Cain -> Murderer | | 4 | 1 Jn. 3:12 |
| **Apostolic Witness** | | | |
| “We have heard” | “akouo” 14X in 1 John, 9x referring to Christ. See Mark 6:2 | | |
| “We have seen” | “horao” 6X in first epistle, 3X in first 3 verses. See John 14:9; 20:25. | | |
| “We have looked upon” | “theaomai” BDAG – “To have an intent look at something…” See John 1:14 – “beheld”. | | |
| “Our hands have handled” | “pselaphao” Only 4X in NT – 1X epistle of John – 1X Luke 24:39. See also John 20:27 – similar idea. | | |

**PURPOSE OF WRITING**

**1:4** “that your *joy* may be full”

**2:1** “that ye *sin not*”

**2:8** “because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth”

**2:12** “because your *sins are forgiven* you for his name's sake”

**2:13** “because ye have *known* him *that is*from the beginning”

**2:13** “because ye have *overcome* the wicked one”

**2:13** “because ye have *known* the Father”

**2:14** “because ye have *known* him *that is*from the beginning”

**2:14** “because ye are *strong*, and the *word of God abideth in you*, and ye have *overcome* the wicked one”

**2:21** “because ye *know* it (the truth), and that no lie is of the truth”

**5:13** “that ye may *know that ye have eternal life*, and that ye may *believe* on the name of the Son of God