

## ORDINARY JOHN, THE APOSTLE OF LOVE

“From the very first day, we were there, taking it all in—we heard it with our own ears, saw it with our own eyes, verified it with our own hands. The Word of Life appeared right before our eyes; we saw it happen! And now we’re telling you in most sober prose that what we witnessed was, incredibly, this: The infinite Life of God himself took shape before us. We saw it, we heard it, and now we’re telling you so you can experience it along with us, this experience of communion with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ. Our motive for writing is simply this: We want you to enjoy this, too. Your joy will double our joy! “ 1 John 1:1-4

“Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs than are written down in this book. These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it.” John 20:30-31

“John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he wasn’t in our group.” “Don’t stop him!” Jesus said.” Mark 9:38-39

“Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” Mark 10:35-37

“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?” “We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.” Mark 10:38-40

“Those I love I also correct and discipline. Therefore, be shamelessly committed *to Me*, and turn back from loving the material world and its way. Now pay attention; I am standing at the door and knocking. If any of you hear My voice and open the door, then I will come in to *visit with* you and to share a meal at your table, and you will be with Me. “The one who is overcoming -- I will give to sit with me in my throne, as I also did overcome and did sit down with my Father in His throne.” Revelation 3:19-21

“For everyone born of God is victorious *and* overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has conquered *and* overcome the world—our continuing, persistent faith in Jesus the Son of God.” 1 John 5:4

“When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.” Mark 10:41

“Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:42-45

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“I am the sprouting vine, you are my branches; as you live in union with me as your source, fruitfulness will stream from within you, but when you live separated from me, you are powerless.” John 15:5

“Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven” Matthew 18:3

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35

“We love because he first loved us.” 1John 4:19