

**THE BOOKS
OF
JOHN**

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John's Family

Well to do: (St. Mark 1:19-20) Employed hired servants

Father

- Zebedee was a Galilean fisherman (St Matthew 4:21)

Mother

- Salome was with other women who ministered unto Jesus when he was in Galilee and was present during Christ's crucifixion (St. Mark 15:40-41). She was also with Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James when they went to the tomb of Christ with sweet spices (St. Mark 16:1).

Bother

- James was his bother who Jesus also called to be a disciple of Jesus (St Matthew 4:21)

Surname

- James and John were referred to as Boanerges by Jesus which is interpreted "the sons of thunder" (St. Mark 3:17)

John's character

Uneducated

- Acts 4:13

Intolerant

- St. Mark 9:38

Fiery

- St. Luke 9:51-56

Ambitious

- St. Mark 10:35-37

Trustworthy

- St. John 19:26-27

Humble

- Rev 19:10

Beloved by Jesus

- St. John 21:20

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The Book of St. John

Author

- St. John 21:24 indicates that John himself wrote the things contained in the book of St. John as a witness to Christ and his ministry on earth.

Date and Place of Composition

- John spent his latter years at Ephesus teaching, preaching, writing and then was exiled to Platmos in the reign of the Emperor Domitian. The date commonly used is between 80 to 90 AD because of the discovery in Egypt of fragments of the Gospel which were dated from the first half of the second century.

Purpose

- St. John 20:30-31 the text was written with the hope that those who would read or here the testimony would believe in Jesus Christ who is the Son of God.

Theological Message

- The book of St. John is both the simplest and the most profound of the Gospels. The language of the text is pure and simple for the beginner to relate to but has a depth that is so powerful and far-reaching that even the greatest Christian thinkers have difficulty grasping all of its message.

The First, Second, & Third Epistle of John

Author

- All historical evidence point to John himself.

Date and Place of Composition

- Between 85 to 90 AD while John was teaching in Ephesus

Purpose

- The elders of the churches wanted those things which John had been teaching them orally put in writing before he died.

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The Revelation of Jesus Christ to Apostle John

Author

- The Apostle John recorded the revelation given him from God.
- John 21:20-23 "Tarry till I come"
- 3 Nephi 13:17-18 "ye have desired the thing which John, my beloved"
- Church History. LDS 1805-1835; Vol 1. page 33 & 34 A revelation received through the Urim and Thummim (Book of Commandments chapter 6)

Date and Place of Composition

- The Apostle John was banished to the Isle of Patmos by the emperor Domitian from A.D. 81 to 96 and evidence points to that period of time is when the Lord revealed to John this "Revelation".

Purpose

- The book is a prophecy concerning the Apocalypse (the ultimate destruction of evil)
 - a. Historical
 - b. Prophetic
 - c. Spiritual
- 1 Nephi 3:238-256
 - v 240 Things which shall be
 - v 241 The end of the world
 - v 242 Some things which Nephi saw and wrote
- Ether 1:86-117