



“Other people think the Bible is a book of heroes, showing you people you should copy. The Bible does have some heroes in it, but... most of the people in the Bible aren't heroes at all. They make some big mistakes (sometimes on purpose).

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They get afraid and run away. At times they are downright mean. No, the Bible isn't a book of rules, or a book of heroes. The Bible is most of all a story. It's an adventure story about a young Hero who comes from a far country to win back his lost treasure. It's a love story about a brave Prince who leaves his palace, his throne—everything—to rescue the one he loves.” —Sally Lloyd-Jones

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“The Bible is in the end a single, great story that comes to a climax in Jesus Christ.” —Tim Keller

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Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” —John 14:6 ESV

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Everybody is alright with Jesus as long as Jesus is alright with them.

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. —John 1:1 ESV

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## John 21:24-25

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“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about him: I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell.

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You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

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## Lord? Liar? Lunatic?

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### Interesting Facts About the Book of John

Matthew, Mark and Luke—narrative in their presentation, earthly history of the life of Christ

John omits Christ’s...

- Birth
- Earthly Life
- Baptism
- Temptation
- Parables
- Ascension

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“John’s Gospel is not a life of Christ; it is a powerful argument for the incarnation, a conclusive demonstration that Jesus was, and is, the very heaven-sent Son of God and the only source of eternal life.”

—Life Application Commentary

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My Lord and my God!

—John 20:28 ESV

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“John was written as a piece of direct evangelistic propaganda, and its avowed purpose was to arouse faith.” —Merrill Tenney

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<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name. —John 20:30-31 ESV

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#### 4 Primary Arguments in the Book of John

1. The true identity of Jesus
2. The necessity of responding to Jesus
3. The gift of life in Jesus
4. The church's mission for Christ in the world

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#BelieveandLive

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<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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<sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted  
Him and bestowed on Him the  
name that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every  
knee should bow, in heaven and on  
earth and under the earth...

—Philippians 2:5-10 ESV

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“A man may live for a lie;  
but few, if any, will die for a lie.”

—Adrian Rogers

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<sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal  
and kill and destroy. I came that  
they may have life and have it  
abundantly... <sup>28</sup>I give them  
eternal life, and they will never  
perish, and no one will snatch  
them out of My hand.

—John 10:10, 28 ESV

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“It’s not the strength of your faith,  
but the object of your faith  
that saves you.”

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