

Story 132/133: John's Letters and a Revelation from God

John was a disciple of Jesus. After Jesus returned to heaven, John traveled and taught people about God. He lived to be a very old man. He wrote letters to many churches. He also wrote a book about the life of Jesus. That book (the Gospel of John), and three of John's letters are in the Bible.

The last book in the Bible, Revelation, was also written by John. When John was an old man, he was sent to live alone on a small island. The government officers sent John there because they didn't want him to tell people about Jesus. While John was on the island, God showed (revealed) to him things that would happen in the future. He told John to write down what he saw and heard.

Here are some things John wrote:

"Real love isn't our love for God, but his love for us. God sent his Son to be the sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven." – I John 4:10

"God has also said that he gave us eternal life and that this life comes to us from his Son. And so, if we have God's Son, we have this life. But if we don't have the Son, we don't have this life."

-- I John 5:11-12

"This is what God showed to Jesus Christ, so that he could tell his servant what must happen soon. Christ then sent his angel with the message to his servant John. And John told everything that he had seen about God's message and about what Jesus Christ had said and done."

– Revelation 1:1-2

"Then the devil who fooled them will be thrown into the lake of fire and burning sulfur. He will be there with the beast and the false prophet, and they will be in pain day and night forever and ever."

– Revelation 20:10

"I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth had disappeared, and so had the sea. Then I saw New Jerusalem, that holy city, coming down from God in heaven. It was like a bride dressed in her wedding gown and ready to meet her husband. . . .God will make his home among his people. He will wipe all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying, or pain. These things of the past are gone forever. Then the one sitting on the throne said: 'I am making everything new. Write down what I have said. My words are true and can be trusted. Everything is finished! I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.'"

– Revelation 21:1-2, 3b-6a