

## **John 1:1-18 Jesus always existed.**

**1** In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** From the very beginning the Word was with God. **3** Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him. **4** The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to people. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out. **6** God sent his messenger, a man named John, **7** who came to tell people about the light, so that all should hear the message and believe. **8** He himself was not the light; he came to tell about the light. **9** This was the real light—the light that comes into the world and shines on all people. **10** The Word was in the world, and though God made the world through him, yet the world did not recognize him. **11** He came to his own country, but his own people did not receive him. **12** Some, however, did receive him and believed in him; so he gave them the right to become God's children. **13** They did not become God's children by natural means, that is, by being born as the children of a human father; God himself was their Father. **14** The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory which he received as the Father's only Son. **15** John spoke about him. He cried out, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'He comes after me, but he is greater than I am, because he existed before I was born.'" **16** Out of the fullness of his grace he has blessed us all, giving us one blessing after another. **17** God gave the Law through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has ever seen God. The only Son, who is the same as God and is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Colossians 1 v15-20. / OT Psalm 104 – 1v1-13. / Genesis 1 v1-18. (Creation of light, earth and the stars).

## **How big is your God?**

How would you reply, if I ask you 'How big is your God?'. Would you answer - Well he is all knowing, all loving, all powerful, and he is everywhere. That wouldn't answer my question. It's an answer to how big is God, but not to my question how big is **your** God?

If God is all knowing and all caring, do you believe that your God knows every small detail of your life and every concern you have no matter how little, and he cares about it. If your God is all loving, do you believe that whatever you do wrong, this boundless and infinite love can forgive you and wrap up in His comfort. If your God is all powerful, do you believe that your God can overcome all your fears, your health issues, and even do miracles through you. If God is anywhere and everywhere do you believe in him enough to let him into every area of your life and have the final say, over your life, your plans, your finances, your career and retirement etc. How big is YOUR God right now? It is one thing to believe there is a big God, but quite another thing to believe in him enough to entrust your whole life to Him.

The famous acrobat Charles Blondin walked several times on a tightrope across the roaring and foaming Niagra Falls between Canada and the United States as huge crowds on both sides looked on with shock and awe. Once he was on stilts, another time on a bicycle, and once he even carried a stove and cooked an omelette half way. On July 15, 1859 Blondin walked backward across the tightrope to Canada and returned pushing a wheelbarrow. He then asked the audience, "Do you believe I can carry a person across the Falls in this wheelbarrow?" The crowds shouted Yes, We believe, We believe! He then asked "Who will get in the wheelbarrow?". The crowd fell silent until one man came forward.

It is one thing to believe that there is a big and powerful God that loves us and can provide for us, and a completely different thing to trust Him with your whole life.

The more we believe in, and experience God, and see the great things he can do, then the more likely we are to exercise 'faith' and trust Him with our lives. We are not going to trust our lives to a small God. So how do we go about increasing our level of belief, making him bigger in our lives, so that we don't just **say** I believe, but we are prepared to get into the wheelbarrow of faith, and go confidently across the raging waters with Him. I propose this is done by focussing more on Jesus. The Gospels have the key.

## John's unique Gospel?

Today we look at the very start of John's Gospel. Though the authorship of all New Testament books gets contested, many believe that this book was written in the last decade of the first century by the apostle John. With his brother James, they were known as the sons of Thunder, and had Zebedee and Salome as parents. By combining two crucifixion accounts of the women at the cross, we deduce that Salome is the sister of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. So that would make our Apostle John and his brother first cousins of Jesus, which perhaps explains Salome's audacious request to Jesus that her sons sit on the right and left of Jesus when he became King. It makes the request more understandable if they are his cousins – Hey Jesus let's put family first OK?

John is the last apostle standing, now in his 90s. Jesus has been crucified 60 years earlier, and all the other disciples had long since been martyred. Jerusalem had fallen over twenty years earlier and the temple destroyed (70 AD). Those who declared at the trial of Jesus, we have no other King but Caesar, had unfortunately for them, seen this come true. The Jews were now dispersed and there were no longer any animal sacrifices taking place. The three Gospels from Matthew, Mark and Luke had already been in circulation for a while and were well distributed documents. They are what we call the Synoptic gospels, where synoptic means 'taking a common view', and they did use some of the same source material. However John as an old man, is writing from a very different viewpoint, and to those he hopes will become third generation Christians.

Although Jesus and his early followers spoke Aramaic, learnt scriptures in Hebrew, and no doubt understood some Latin of their Roman rulers, the commonly accepted language of culture, of literature and of all-purpose communication was Greek. So the Gospels are written in Greek, but John's Gospel is written with a vocabulary that a 7 year old could follow, not like the complex Greek that Paul wrote in. This Gospel was meant to be accessible to everyone, so that all could believe in Jesus. And yet, the profound truths in this Gospel, will expand our image of Jesus.

## Setting down his Claim

John only uses 600 different words in his entire book. Two of these words stand out above all the others. The words 'Jesus' and 'Believe'. The single most important word to John is the word Jesus. John uses the name Jesus or Yeshua 244 times, and asks us 86 times to Believe.

John also tells us clearly why he wrote his gospel. John 20v31 says “ I have written this book, in order that you may believe, that Jesus is the Son of God , and that through your faith in Him you may have life.”

John wants his readers including me and you, to believe that Jesus is God. The 'Good News' is all about Jesus, he is the only one who can save men from their Sin. His name is above every name. He is our Lord most High. He wants to convince us that we can live a **full life**, at one with God, **if** we trust our lives fully to Jesus. If we are going to be confident enough to do that, then we will need to throw away our pocket size picture of God, expand our minds and embrace more of who Jesus is. Is he really big enough, powerful enough and yet personal enough to entrust our whole lives to.

These first 18 verses in his gospel are John's theology, this is his statement of truth, that he starts with. He is saying “This is what I believe, and for the rest of my book, I am going to try and convince you of the truth of this statement, by looking at the person, the power and the provision of Jesus.

So just from the first few verses of introduction from this simple gospel, I am going to pull out 4 mind-expanding truths, to help us see a bigger Jesus, a bigger God.

## **First Truth**

*v1a In the beginning the Word already existed;*

This passage is where the New Testament story of Jesus really begins, and it even starts, as does Genesis with those words 'In the Beginning'. Our first mind-expanding truth to grasp.

### **1. The same man Jesus that was born on earth, in some form or another had always existed (even before the World was created).**

Researching your family tree is quite an interest for many people today. It's amazing what you find. My great grandfather on my Mother's side, would only eat bread and cheese, as he didn't trust anything that came out of the ground, like vegetables. He washed his cheese down with cider from the barrel in his lounge. Genealogy is mostly a hobby today, but for Jews, it is culturally really important to know their ancestral lines, tracing themselves back if they can to the sons of Jacob, that became the 12 tribes.

For the Gospel writers, Mark is keen to get straight into the action so overlooks family history.

Matthew start his gospel with a family tree that links Jesus back to King David to show that Jesus can be seen as the promised messiah that comes from David's line, as prophesied to King David by his gnarly old prophet Nathan.

Luke wants to show that Jesus, although God, is fully man, so also has a family tree, but takes right back to Adam, the first man.

John though places Jesus back even further than Luke, right back to the beginning of the world,

Jesus, is not initially introduced by name, but John wants to make a very early connection with those steeped in Greek culture. So John whilst referring to Jesus says, 'In the beginning was the Logos'. In v14 John tells us that this Logos becomes flesh and dwelt (or tabernacled) with us. We have to wait until verse 17 for the Logos to be revealed as Jesus. So just as God tabernacled (dwelt in their special tent) with Moses and the people in the wilderness, then the Word (Logos) tabernacled again amongst Gods people, not in a tent this time but in the person of Jesus. [Note; Today God is still tabernacling – now he dwells in the world through us followers of Jesus by giving us his Spirit]

However the Greek word Logos translates as Word, plan or reason. Our bible translations opt for the first, but in **Greek** philosophy and theology, the Logos was the ultimate reason behind the cosmos, ordering it and giving it form and meaning. John starts by saying you Greeks are right, the Logos, your unknown source and reasoning behind everything was there in the very beginning. For spoken words of Jesus 'the Greek word used is 'Rhema'. However the Word that is behind everything, the Word that preceded all spoken words and from which all logic and reasoning comes from is Logos. I think whilst less poetic, I would have found this passage much less confusing as a young Christian if the translators had written 'In the beginning was the unknown source of everything.

But also, the Old Testament talked of Wisdom as a person, as in Proverbs 8v1 – '**Listen. Wisdom is calling out. Reason is making herself heard**'. Ancient Judaism eventually also talked about the Word and the Law in this way as a person. John is speaking to the Jews, and by saying Jesus is the Word, he is declaring that Jesus is the embodiment of all Gods revelation in scripture, and therefore only those that except Jesus into their lives, are fully honouring the Law.

## Second Truth

*V1b .. The Word was with God, & the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> From the very beginning the Word was with God.*

So here is our second mind-expanding truth to grasp.:-

### **2. Jesus at the beginning was face to face with God, and yet was God.**

So he is God and yet he was separate from God. So we can see that although there is just one true God, he has more than one nature, or is more than one person, and one of those persons is Jesus. We of course know a bit more than is given in this Gospel introduction. We know that Gods nature has three persons, known as the Father, the Son and the Spirit, with Jesus being identified as the Son. We have named this threefold nature of God the Holy Trinity, though it is never named as such in the bible. The greatest of bible scholars have failed to truly understand and explain this 3-person single God. So to accept it as both mystery and truth, is probably the simplest way of integrating it into your faith. I take comfort that there are aspects of God I could not possibly understand, as if I could fully understand my God fully, then he wouldn't be God.

Jesus was able to say I make the invisible Father visible, because I have the same nature. *“anyone who has seen me has seen the Father... I am in the Father and the Father is in me”*. (John 14v9-10). The Father and I are One.

Johns intro passage is shaped in traditional Jewish style with the last verse (v18) repeating the theme in the first verse. Jesus is God and is at his Father side.

If we just see Jesus as the son of God, perhaps one that later in some way came from God or born out of God at the start of the first century, then we are limiting who is he. He did not come from God, he **is** God.

So Jesus came to us as God but in fully human form. Others would say he was a great prophet, or teacher or miracle worker, but Jesus was confident in this claim that he was God. His enemies wanted him dead because of this claim. If we do not believe he was God, then his sacrifice on the cross is meaningless, and we're doomed! It is because he died for us on the cross as God, that we can be saved and have eternal life. Without what Jesus did for us as God, we have no hope beyond our short years on this planet.

## Third Truth

*v<sup>3</sup> Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him*

Our third mind-expanding truth to grasp.:-

### **3. All creation comes about because of Jesus. Everything has a beginning except Him.**

Here John puts out Jesus not the Father as the main architect of creation. He does not say that he was the only person of the Trinity involved, because it says that God made creation through Jesus, which implies to me that the power of the Father enabled the son to do this. We also know from Genesis 1v2 that whilst there was still darkness, the Spirit of God was moving over the raging waters. So all three persons of God were involved. But the Logos is declared by John as the creating influence over all things.

Perhaps picture 'Jesus the Son' as a painter, God the Father providing the materials, and the Spirit offering up inspiration. But it is Jesus actually making the decisions and doing the creative work.

This verse pulls us back to the creation story in Genesis 1. I have studied the Big Bang theory, and the different thoughts and theories on evolution and creation and come to my own opinion, which might well change again as I learn more. I am sure that between us we will have a number of different opinions on this, but of course no-one was around at the beginning to confirm who is right!

But however us, our world, and the greater universe all happened, for me none of it would be here, without a God force behind it. Things do not replicate out of nothing and just get better by the laws of science alone. The law of entropy confirms this, i.e. if left to their own devices, things get worse, things become more chaotic not more ordered. A toddlers bedroom does not tidy itself. I put a wooden shed and play house up 20 years ago, they now both look tardy and have wet rot. For most of us over 50 like me then you just have to look in the mirror to see the impact of entropy with time. Is my face and body just getting better and better with age ? No, in order for there to be creation, whatever theory you believe in, evolution over billions of years or not, for that creation to happen, there must still be a creator behind it.

I think the lyrics of that song 'So Will I' by Hillsong, wonderfully paints a picture of God speaking creation into existence.

**God of creation there at the start, before the beginning of time. With no point of reference, you spoke to the dark and fleshed out the wonder of light and as You speak a hundred billion galaxies are born. In the vapour of your breath the planets form. You don't speak in vain. No syllable empty or void. For once You have spoken all nature and science follow the sound of Your voice. And as You speak, a hundred billion creatures catch Your breath, evolving in pursuit of what You said. If it all reveals Your nature so will I.** [Hillsong/ So Will I]

John firmly points to Jesus, and said that's who did it and that's who still does it today. He is the creator on every level. Wow ! What a creator. Life on a microscopic level is mind-blowing. Look at our microbiome and see how the good viruses keep us alive. Our brains our nervous systems, our hearts, our blood, everything about us is astonishing. Jesus made us. Look at the incredible world from the mountains to the fjords, from the desert meerkats to deep ocean life. Jesus came up with that. Look through your telescope. Light can travel 6 trillion miles in a year. Some stars are billions of light years away, and millions of times bigger than our Son. The universe is mind-blowing. Jesus created it all.

If I had built a kit car and it went wrong, I would know how to fix it. If things go wrong, and our lives stall, we can go to Jesus. He knows how to sort our lives out and get us motoring again, because he made us.

Paul writing to the Colossians (1 v 15-17) said **"Jesus Christ is the visible likeness of the invisible God, and that all things seen and unseen, including spiritual powers, were created through him."** He existed before all these things did, and because of Jesus, every created thing can find its proper place.

What an incredible claim from Paul, that Jesus created not only the physical realm but he created the spiritual realm as well. So the heavens, and the angels and the spiritual stuff we know little about, was all created by him too.

We need to cement the belief in our minds and our hearts that our personal saviour Jesus, who died for us, and who we pray to, is also this original and ongoing creator of the universe and

heavens. As we look in wonder at creation, we can expand our minds by saying that Jesus came up with all of that. Surely we can then reason if he is that powerful and creative, and loves us beyond measure, then he is more than able to come up with a solution to help me get through the daily challenges and problems of my personal life, if I give everything over to Him.

#### **Fourth Truth**

*<sup>4</sup>The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.*

Our fourth mind-expanding truth to grasp:-

#### **4. All life is brought to us individually by Jesus, both physical life and spiritual life.**

God is not just a physical creator, who made our S-U-N, that brings us physical life, but in him is also the S-O-N who shines his light on us to bring us our spiritual life. He reveals his light to us, and you can either receive the light, or reject it by hiding from it.

Everything in our physical life is dependent upon the S-U-N, which though 93 million miles away, you can feel on your skin. It gives us photosynthesis which provides our food by making our vegetation grow, vitamin D which we need to make us strong by growing our bones and teeth. It keeps our immune system healthy so we can fight off viral nasties that would make us ill and bring us down. The sun reflects off of our surfaces which gives us our daylight and helps us to see our way through the world..

Everything in our spiritual life is dependent upon the S-O-N, the son of God, who is also millions of miles away, and yet can be closer to you than your skin. His Word like photosynthesis brings us our life, and can feed us all we need for our spiritual growth, and with his Spirit also he is like our vitamin D, strengthening our minds and spirit to grow in Him. , and fight off the spiritual nasties that would bring us down. The reflection of his light in this world in us and through others reveals what is good and true and helps us see our way spiritually through life.

All of humanity, that are physically still alive are given the Jesus gift of the sun (S-U-N) regardless of faith or belief. However we need to accept who Jesus is and let him into our lives to experience the gift of the son (S-O-N).

Zombie films seem to have been very popular in recent years. If we live on this planet but we do not have Jesus in our life then whilst our physical bodies and minds comes across as normal, our spiritual being is a zombie! We are spiritually the 'walking dead' without Jesus. Our spirit life is dead on arrival, and is waiting to be brought to life.

We all have the created SUN in our lives when we are born on the planet. We can only have the SON in our spiritual lives if we are reborn. If we accept Jesus into our life. You are not born a Christian. You have not been one for as long as you have known. You have to make a personal decision to receive him into your life, even if that was done as a child. Christianity does not come through your bloodline or your lineage. There is no inheritance from your parents and grandparents. You are not born into the family of God, you are **born again** into Gods family.

#### **The Light grows bigger**

John uses the analogy of light 21 times. Men loves darkness because their deeds are evil, which causes us problems, and leads us towards destruction. Jesus came to shine light into the darkness, so that we could be released from what is binding us into darkness, so that we can be free, so that we can have light. Jesus is light in the sense that he is the wisdom of God, he know us

and knows what are thoughts are and knows what our future is. His light is pure, in the sense that there are no flaws in His life. When His light shines on me , I can see who I clearly am, and I can see who is he, and I run to him because I don't want to be like that anymore, I want to be more like Jesus. And where we do that, we start to carry his light, and his light can carry on working through us.

People can see the light in us and some will be drawn to that light and want Jesus for themselves, others will run from it or want to put it out. When we witness for Jesus, when we shine his light, the powers behind the darkness do not like it, and we can feel the opposition against the light. Each year though as you press in to knowing Jesus and God more, you will prevail, your faith will increase, you will become stronger in the Lord, be more full of his light, your hope will increase, and your fruitfulness will be greater

In the Narnia Chronicles, Lucy has not seen Aslan (allegorical figure of Christ) for a long time, and says that he seems to have grown so much bigger, and he says no its just you have just got older. She says haven't you got older. He said No., but every year you grow, you will find me bigger. The more you get to know me, the bigger I will seem.

Every year as you get older, and know him better, follow him into the light, he will seem bigger to you and more powerful, and your own problems will seem smaller.

### **Claims, Arguments and Evidence**

In my world as a safety case engineer, we lay down a claim to why it is safe to modify the power plant in the way we want to. Then with expert knowledge the safety case engineer will write down the arguments that support this claim, and the evidence that support the arguments. I claim this new pipe will not break. I argue that any small undetected crack will never grow to a length that will cause it to fail in its lifetime. The evidence is in the structural integrity sums in my supporting report.

John is making an incredible claim about Jesus, up front in his gospel. The first 18 verses are just his claims:

- Jesus is God;
- He always existed;
- He created everything;
- It is His light that brings you life

The 21 chapters are the arguments and evidence you need to trust your life on this claim, and to convince you to trust your life into the safe hands of Jesus Christ.

John chooses what he needs from the 3 and a bit years of Jesus' ministry to provide evidence for his claims. Of these approx. 1200 days from his baptism to his resurrection, John only focuses on about 20 of these days.

Like some-one laying out a court case, he provides the evidence that he needs to prove his claims.

He leaves out what is already covered in the synoptics and will be common knowledge to many of his readers, unless he is convinced it needs to be covered in all 4 gospels. There are no parables, and John doesn't even describe the Lords Supper. So Johns Gospel has a very different feel about it to the others.

Even though the language is simple, the book is carefully orchestrated to support his claims.

Just to say Jesus is the Son of God, is not enough to describe all that Jesus is, and can be to us, so he pulls out **7** things Jesus said about himself. – the ‘I am statements’.

I am..

- The Bread of Life (6v35,48)
- Light of the World (Jn 8v12)
- The sheep gate (10 v7,9)
- The Good Shepherd (10v11)
- The Resurrection and Life (11v25)
- The Way, the Truth and the Life (Jn 14v6)
- The True Vine (15v5)

As evidence for his divinity, he describes **7** different miracles:

Healing miracles of the sick (4v46-54), the lame (5v1-15), and the blind (Jn 9v1-12); nature miracles turning water into wine (2v1-11), feeding the 5000 from a single lunch box (6v1-15), to walking on water (8v15-21), and the incredible resurrection of Lazarus who had been dead 4 days (11v1-44).

## **The Witnesses**

He also brings witnesses to the table, who declare that Jesus is indeed God or from God.

The first of these witnesses comes within these opening verses of John. In 700BC Isaiah said of this man that would come, he is going to be the voice of one crying in the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Isaiah 40v3). Johns Gospel, tells us that it was John the Baptist that Isaiah was talking about. He is the fulfilment of the scripture, and he is the forerunner to prepare you for Jesus, who will reflect Gods light in to your life. He came to bear witness that Jesus was the promised Messiah.

John set up in a wilderness area in the Southern part of Israel along the Jordan river near Jericho, and thousands of people from all walks of life came to confess that they were sinners and needed a saviour. It was unique in Jewish history. John was seen as great prophet, their first for hundreds of years. He was the last Old Testament style prophets but unique because the others could point towards a day when the Messiah would come, but John would be able to point at him and say ‘**Here he is**’.

## **All About Jesus**

All four gospels, will expand your mind into how great Jesus is. John gets us off to a good start by telling us these four mind expanding truths

**1. Jesus always existed.**

**2. Jesus at the beginning was face to face with God, and yet was God.**

**3. All creation comes about because of Jesus. Everything has a beginning except Him.**

**4. All life is brought to us individually by Jesus, both physical life and spiritual life.**

He then takes the reader through 21 chapters of arguments and evidence to support these claims

We are setting out on a journey together. My claim along with John is that Jesus is God and is worth trusting your whole life to. I do not know how long we will travel together in this new season, but whilst we do, I will explore with you the arguments and the evidence across all four gospels; the parables, the miracles, the claims of Jesus, his key relationships and his life events, with one aim



for us to get a bigger picture of Jesus, and make him bigger in our lives. With our bigger picture, we will be encouraged to follow him more closely, and take on more of his light into our lives, so our faith grows and we become more and more like him.

### **Closing words.**

So how big is your God today? God is not ankle high. God is not knee high. God is not waist high. God is MOST high. Jesus is MOST high.

He is all knowing, and knows and cares about all your smallest details.  
He is all loving, and can forgive you and wrap you in his love, whatever your faults and needs.  
He is all powerful, and whatever your needs, he has the ability to overcome for you.  
He is everywhere, and he wants in on every area of your life.

Life may at times seem like the noisy and chaotic Niagara falls, but what have you to fear if he is steering you across them

Whatever you are facing today, whatever family, health or financial problems you have. Whatever is playing on your mind and causing you unrest. Jesus is bigger than all of that. Don't keep these things in the dark, but bring them into his light. Take them to him in prayer.

He is already big, no-one can change that, but only **you** can let him be big in **your** life.

Behind you is infinite power and before you are endless possibilities, if you fully trust your life to Jesus. Amen

## Appendix: Rob McRaury (Ottawa) SEVEN SEVEN'S IN JOHN'S GOSPEL

7 DISCIPLES - Andrew Jn.1:40; Peter Jn.1:42; Philip Jn.1:43; Nathanael Jn.1:45;  
Thomas Jn.20:24; Judas Jn.12:4; Judas Jn.14:22;

7 MEN - John the Baptist Jn.1:6; Nicodemus Jn.3:1; Lazarus Jn.11:1; Annas Jn.18:13;  
Caiphas Jn.18:24; Pilate Jn.19:19 Joseph of Arimathea Jn.19:38;

7 WOMEN - Mary Jesus' mom Jn.19:25; Mary his mother's sister Jn.19:25;  
Mary Magdalene Jn.19:25; Mary the sister of Lazarus Jn.11:1;  
Martha Jn.11:1; Samaritan woman Jn.4:7; Adulteress Jn.8:3;

7 WITNESS - Father Jn.5:37; Son Jn.5:31; Holy Spirit Jn.15:26;  
John the Baptist Jn.1:6,7; John the Apostle Jn.21:24;  
Miracles Jn.5:36; Scriptures Jn.5:39,47;

7 SIGNS - Water to wine Jn.2:1-11; Feverish son Jn.4:46-54;  
Lame man Jn.5:1-15; Feeds 5,000 Jn.6:1-14;  
Walks on water Jn.6:15-21; Blind man Jn.9:1-12  
Raises Lazarus Jn.11:1-44;

7 I AM'S - Bread of life Jn.6:35,48; Light of world Jn.8:12;  
Door of sheep Jn.10:7,9 Good Shepherd Jn.10:11;  
Resurrection & Life Jn.11:25; Way, Truth & Life Jn.14:6;  
True vine Jn.15:1,5;

7 I AM - to Samaritan woman Jn.4:26; to disciples Jn.6:20;  
to Jews Jn.8:24; to Jews Jn.8:28; to Jews Jn.8:58;  
to disciples Jn.13:19; to guards Jn.18:5,6,8;