

1st John

**“Divine
Witness About
Jesus Christ”**

1 John 5:6-12



Outline of 1 John

1:1-2:17 *Doctrine & Behavior Test #1*

2:18-3:24 *Doctrine & Behavior Test #2*

4:1-21 *Doctrine & Behavior Test #3*

5:1-21 *Doctrine & Behavior Test #4*

Eternal Life

John 3:16

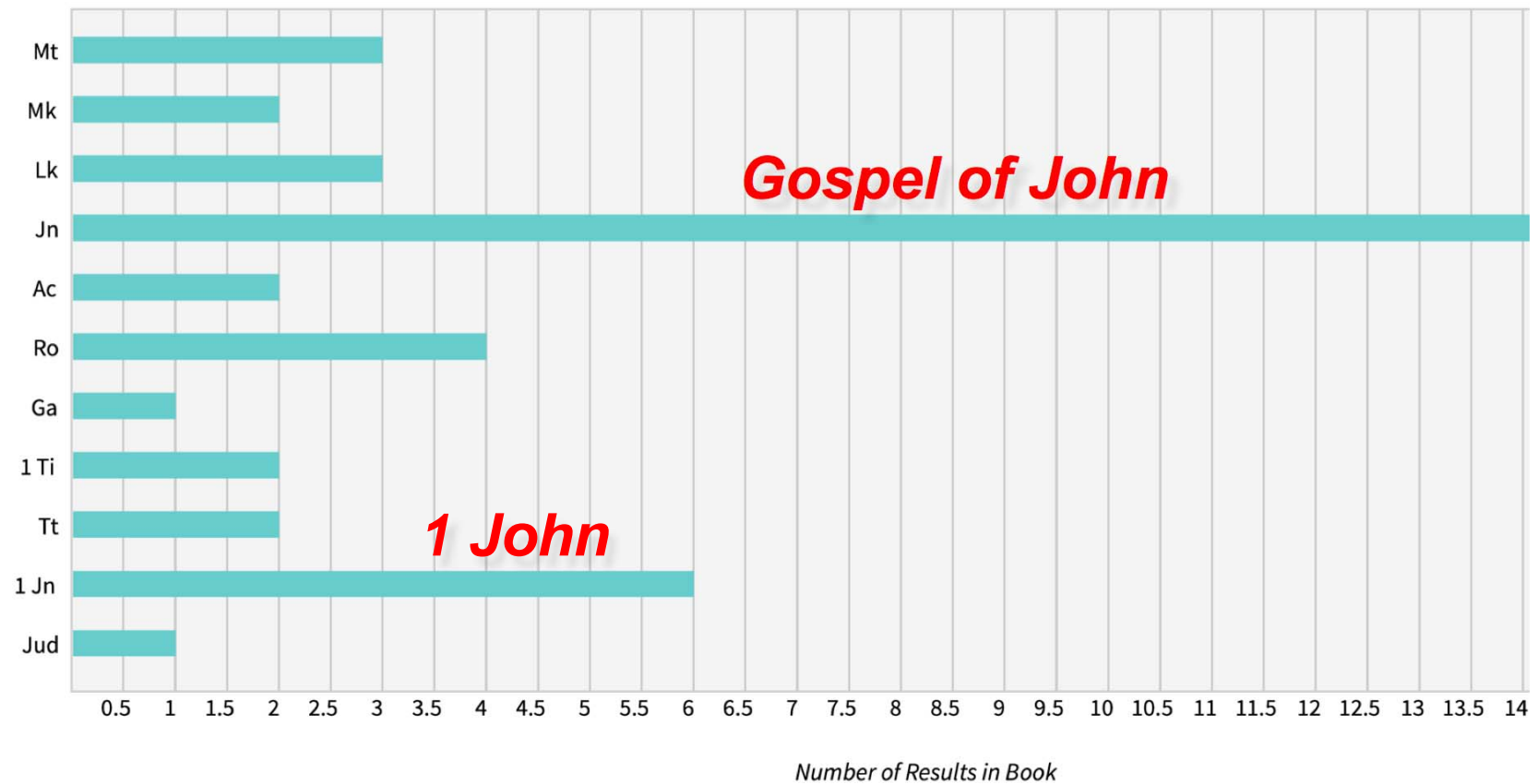
- *Two promises - not perish & eternal life*
- *Believes - in the present tense*
- *Has - exists now (Greek present tense)*
- *Eternal - “unlimited duration”*
- *Life - “life or the real you”*

Eternal Life - A Quality of Life

Matthew 25:46

- ***Everyone will live forever***
- ***Only question is where?***
- ***Quality of eternal life***
 - ***Ephesians 1:18-20***
 - ***Revelation 21-22***

John Uses “Eternal Life” More



Outline of 1 John 5:6-12

v. 6 – 8 ***Historical Testimony***

v. 9 – 10 ***Divine Testimony***

v. 11 – 12 ***The Testimony***

Historical Testimony

1 John 5:6 - 8

Views about “water and blood.”

- 1. Refers to Jesus’ death***
- 2. Refers to communion***
- 3. Refers to Birth of Christ***
- 4. Refers to Jesus’ baptism and death***

Divine Testimony

1 John 5:9 - 10

Two types of testimony:

- 1. Testimony of men***
- 2. Testimony of God***

If you believe the divine testimony is internal

- 1 John 3:24***
- 1 John 4:13***

The Testimony

1 John 5:11 - 12

Eternal life . . . Only in the Son

Who Is The Son . . .

- ***1 John 4:1-3 – Our God***
- ***1 John 5:20 – Our God***
- ***1 John 2:1-2 – He died for our sins***

The Comma Johanneum

1 John 5:7

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. - KJV

Comma Johanneum Problem

1 John 5:7

- **Erasmus' 1516 Bible**

- ... published 1516 Bible without the Comma**

- ... Comma was not in one MSS**

- ... Only in Latin Vulgate**

- ... Not in his 1st or 2nd editions of 1516 Bible**

Comma Johanneum Problem

1 John 5:7

- **Erasmus' Challenge & Mistake**

... Challenged to include a statement about the trinity if he found one

... Promised to include it if he found it in one MSS

... Irish MSS was found with the statement

... Ignored the weight of many more credible MSS

Comma Johanneum Problem

1 John 5:7

- ***More information***

<http://www.neverthirsty.org/bible-studies/topical-bible-studies-/is-the-king-james-bible-the-best-bible-2/>

Comma Johanneum Problem

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- ***The Paramount Principle***

... Support of orthodoxy should not determine the content of the Bible

... Accuracy of the text is paramount

... Doctrine flows from an accurate text

... Never base any doctrine on an uncertain text