



JOHN: AMAZED BY LOVE

THE LIFE

1. Background

- Brother of James – Matt 4:21; Mk 1:19-20
- Father's name was Zebedee who ran his own fishing business – Mk 1:19-20
- Fisherman by trade – Matt 4:21; Mk 1:19-20; Lk 5:10
- Mother's name was Salome and was among those who followed Jesus – compare Matt 27:56 & Mk 15:40
- Always in top four of disciples list & in the "intimate 3"
- Wrote 1 gospel and 4 epistles
- Only apostle at the crucifixion – Matt. 19:26-27
- Jesus placed the care of Mary, his mother, in his hands at the time of His death – Matt. 19:26-27
- Nicknamed along with his brother James "Boanerges," Sons of Thunder – Mk 3:17
- Never refers to himself by name in the Gospel of John

2. Characteristics Of His Life

- **Fervent** _____
When His disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" - Luke 9:54
- **Selfish** _____
James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant that we may sit, one on Your right and one on *Your* left, in Your glory." - Mark 10:35-41
- **Exclusive** _____
John answered and said, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name; and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow along with us." ⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Do not hinder *him*; for he who is not against you is for you." - Luke 9:49-50

- _____ By The _____
Refers to himself as the “disciple whom Jesus loved” – John 13:23;
20:2; 21:7, 20

THE LESSONS

1. Truth Without Love Is _____

but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ, - Ephesians 4:15

2. Love Without Truth Is _____

The elder to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not only I, but also all who know the truth, ² for the sake of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever: ³ Grace, mercy *and* peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. - 2 John 1-3

The most loving thing you can do is _____ the _____ with people.

3. The Love Of God Really Is _____

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 8:38-39

THE LEGACY

An Example Of _____ In The Love Of Jesus