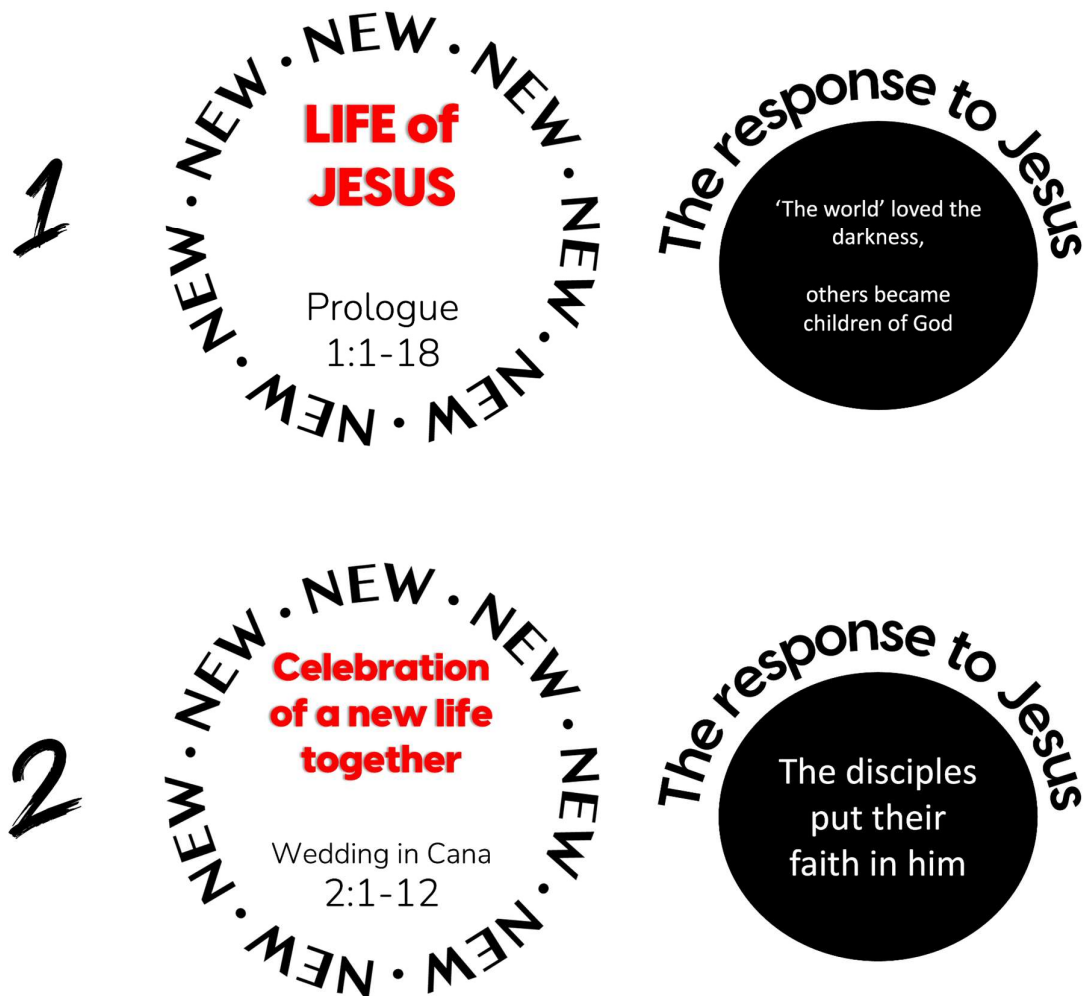


*A brief recap of the motifs running through the Gospel (see Appendix 2).*

Chapters 2-4 are filled with what can be thought of as new beginnings. We can summarise the ones we find here in the following diagram: [ *note for Mr Kilgore, this is NOT a table ;)* ]





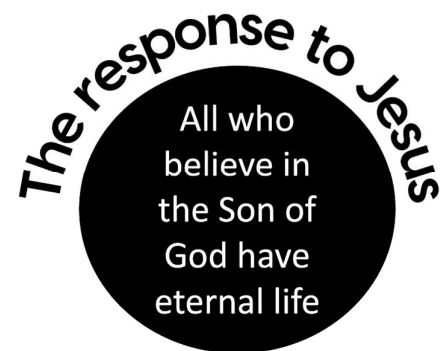
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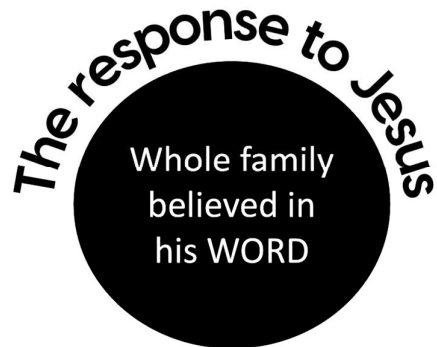
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*How does the purpose of the Gospel (20:31) help us understand these new beginnings?*

## 2:1-22 ... What is new replaces what is old

(2:1-11) Water into wine (the first **sign**)

*What are some interesting things about verse 11?*

*What is the 'new v. old' in this section?*

(2:12-22) New **Temple**

*What is the problem with the request in 2:18?  
Or, why does 'proof' not lead to a saving faith?*

*What is the link between 1:14 & 2:19?*

## 2:23 - 3:21 ... From above - new birth

### STRUCTURE

(2:23 - 3:15)	Jesus & Nicodemus
	(3:16-21) John adds further explanation
(3:22-30)	John the Baptist speaks about Jesus
	(3:31-36) John adds further explanation

(2:23 - 3:15) Jesus & Nicodemus

*Why are we told that Nicodemus came to Jesus at **night**?*

(3:16-21) John adds further explanation

*What contrasts are being made in this section?*

(3:22-30) John the Baptist speaks about Jesus

What John says:

- (v. 27) I have done what God gave me to do.
- (vv. 28-29) I was sent to prepare the way for the Christ; job done.
- (v. 30) Time for me to fade and for him to do what he came to do.

(3:31-36) John adds further explanation

The explanation culminates in verse 36 (you probably won't find the whole verse cross-stitched onto a pillow!):

*Whoever believes in the Son, this one has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on that one.*  
(GBHV)

## **4:1-42 ... Living water - the Saviour of the world**

The 'new' now introduced is Jesus as living water:

- Replacing Jacob's well
- Replacing the place to truly worship God
- Changing the place of Jesus' ministry - now coming to *the world*
- Changing the lives of people.

(4:1-9) Jesus 'had to' go through Samaria

*List the radical things Jesus does just in these introductory verses.*

(4:10-30, 39-42) Living water

In this section, the Samaritan woman learns of new things:

- (23) new **worship**
- (25-26) new **Messiah**
- (29) new **forgiveness**
- (42) new **salvation**.

*What else becomes 'new' for this woman?*

*Comparing this interaction with Jesus' interaction with Nicodemus, what are the similarities?  
But what is an important difference?*

If there was an opportunity to delve deeper (worthwhile if time permits) we could ask how the following passages are fulfilled in the living water that Jesus gives:




Psalm 36:7-9  
Isaiah 12:3  
Jeremiah 2:13

Psalm 42:2  
Isaiah 12:3  
Ezekiel 47:1-12

Psalm 63:1  
Isaiah 55:1-5  
Zechariah 14:8

Psalm 143:6

After hearing Jesus for themselves, the conclusion of the Samaritan people about Jesus was:

Jew      Prophet      Messiah      Saviour of the World

*How does this reflect the common movements we see in the Gospel of John?*

(4:31-38) A new perspective for the disciples

What Jesus teaches his disciples about the significance of what is happening:

- (34) Jesus is doing what he was sent to do
- (35) the harvest is ready; people are responding to Jesus = end time
- (36-38) those who sow and those who reap rejoice together.

### 4:43-54 ... Jesus brings life in the place of death

The journey towards Galilee that Jesus began in verse 4 continues (v. 42) and he reaches his destination (v. 45), knowing that he would, in the end, find 'no honour' from the people there (v. 43), even though they had **seen for themselves** all that he had been doing (v. 45).

Once back in Cana (where the **first sign** took place) Jesus performed his **second sign** in the healing of the child of the royal official.

*In what ways can 'signs' be both good and bad things?  
(See 4:40 & 2:11)*

*In what way can Jesus' **words** and **works** function together to bring **belief**?*

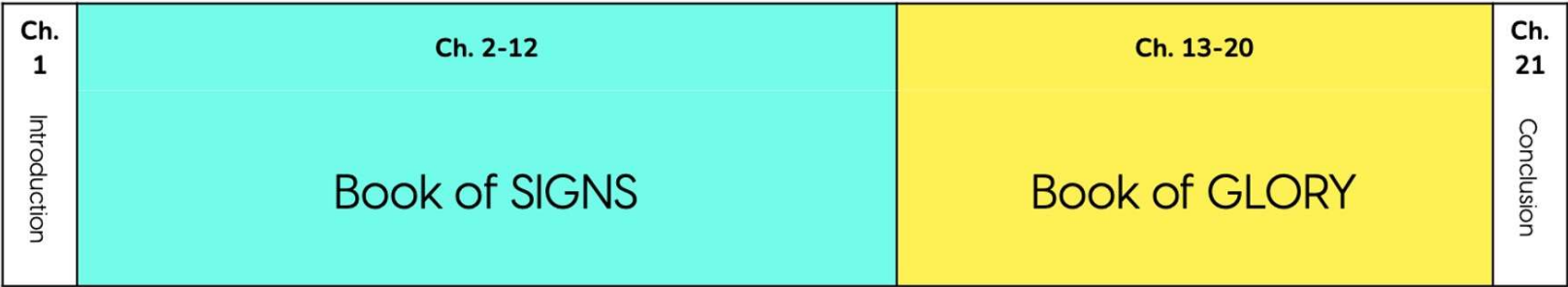
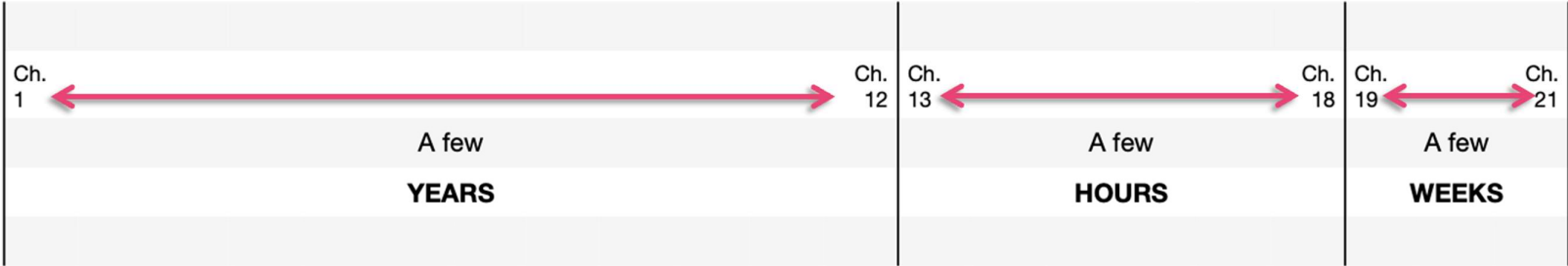
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### QUESTION OVER COFFEE

*At the end of these chapters, what is the question that the writer (John) wants us readers to answer? And what consequences does our answer have?*

Appendix 1 - Structure diagrams

Passage of time in the Gospel according to John





*Prologue*

*Baptism  
of Jesus*

*Signs &  
discourses*

*Farewell  
speeches*

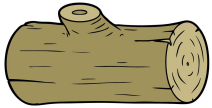
*Passion  
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*Resurrection*

*Purpose*

*Epilogue*

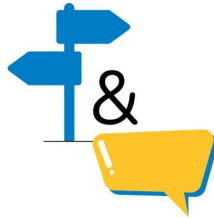
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**1:1-18**



**1:19-51**



**2 - 12**



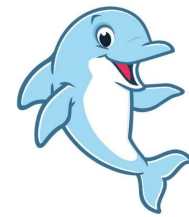
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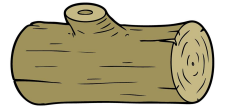


**20:1-29**



**20:30-31**

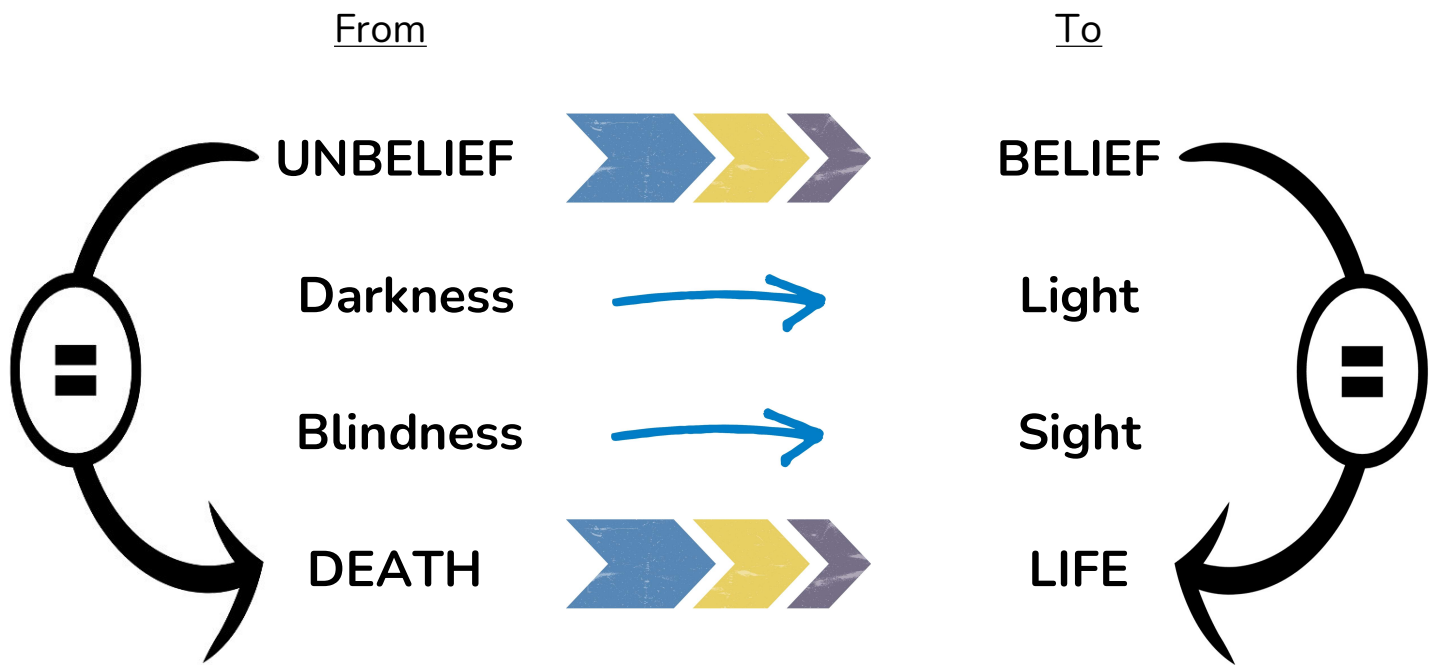
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## General *movement* in the Gospel of John



## Displaying the *purpose* of John

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by **believing** you may have **life** in his name.