

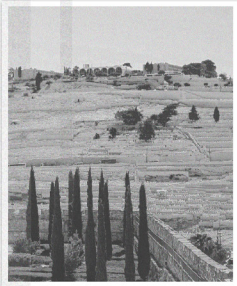
The Purpose of This Book

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



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WHEN GOD CLEANS HOUSE discussion questions

1. Tell about a time when you reacted in anger about something. Was your anger appropriate? Is it right for a Christian to get angry? Read Ephesians 4:26-27.
2. Does God get angry? If so, what kinds of things anger God? How do we see God reacting to his anger?
3. What was supposed to take place in the Court of the Gentiles? When you see people preventing others from accessing God, does it make you angry? Who does Jesus get most angry with during the course of his life? Read Matt. 23:13-36.
4. Why did Jesus react to his anger here in the temple, and not when people mocked him, treated him unfairly, and ultimately nailed him to the cross? Read Luke 23:32-43. When people mistreat you and intend to harm you, do you get angry? How should you react?
5. For a Christian, where is the temple of God? Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. How can you recognize idols and honor God with the temple of your body?
6. Several verses talk about cleansing ourselves of our sin (2 Timothy 2:21, James 4:8, 1 Corinthians 5:7, 2 Corinthians 7:1). How is this not a self-improvement system? How does faith, the Holy Spirit, and the promises of God fit into this?

The Book of John

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.⁷ He was in the world, and the world did not know him.⁸ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.⁹ But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,¹⁰ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹¹ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.¹² (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'")¹³ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.¹⁴ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.¹⁵ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

¹⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.¹⁷ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

