

THE THIRD BOOK OF JOHN

OT/NT: New Testament

SECTION: General Letters

TRADITIONAL AUTHOR: John

KEY PEOPLE: Demetrius, Diotrephes, Gaius, John

SUMMARY: Canonically, the Third Book of John is the sixty-fourth book of the [Holy Bible](#) (1), the sixth of seven [General Letters](#) (2) and the twenty-fifth book of the [New Testament](#) (3). This book is the shortest book in the New Testament and was written to praise Gaius and Demetrius for their faithful service.

Written by [John the Elder](#) (4) to house church believers, [1 John](#) (5), [2 John](#) (6), and [3 John](#) echo the [Gospel of John](#) (7). They emphasize that God is light and love and every true believer will demonstrate God's light and [love](#) (8). Each book also addresses deceivers, teachers who no longer acknowledge that Jesus is the [Messiah](#) (9) or Son of God but spread fear and division among believers.

All legitimate teachers will share the Truth ([John 14:6](#)) about Jesus and the [Cross](#) (10), love others sacrificially and spread love and light rather than fear. He also reminds believers to welcome true missionaries who teach the message of the Cross and love others. They should not welcome deceivers or make idols of anything that exalts itself in God's place (b).

COMING UP: Next up is the Book of Jude (11). Click [HERE](#) to explore!

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- (4) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/apostle-john>
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- (10) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/obituary-of-jesus>
- (11) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/jude>

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- (a) http://biblehub.com/summary/3_john/1.htm
- (b) <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/1-3-john/>

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