

Expository Thoughts on the Gospel of John (Annotated, Updated)

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Synopsis

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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1)

Wisdom, encouragement, and exhortation is contained here. Not because of the author's brilliance, but because of the words of truth contained in the gospel of John. And just as the Apostle John didn't draw any attention to himself, so also J. C. Ryle clearly and wonderfully directs his words and our thoughts toward the inspired words of scripture. If we truly love God, we will love his word; and the more we study his word, the more we will love God.

About the author: John Charles Ryle (1816-1900) graduated from Eton and Oxford and then pursued a career in politics, but due to lack of funds, he entered the clergy of the Church of England. He was a contemporary of Spurgeon, Moody, Mueller, and Taylor and read the great theologians like Wesley, Bunyan, Knox, Calvin, and Luther. These all influenced Ryle's understanding and theology. Ryle began his writing career with a tract following the Great Yarmouth suspension bridge tragedy, where more than 100 people drowned. He gained a reputation for straightforward preaching and evangelism. He traveled, preached, and wrote more than 300 pamphlets, tracts, and books, including *Expository Thoughts on the Gospels*, *Principles for Churchmen*, and *Christian Leaders of the Eighteenth Century*. Ryle used the royalties from his writing to pay his father's debts, but he also felt indebted to that ruin for changing the direction of his life. He was recommended by Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli to be bishop of Liverpool where he ended his career in 1900.

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