

## Best Friends

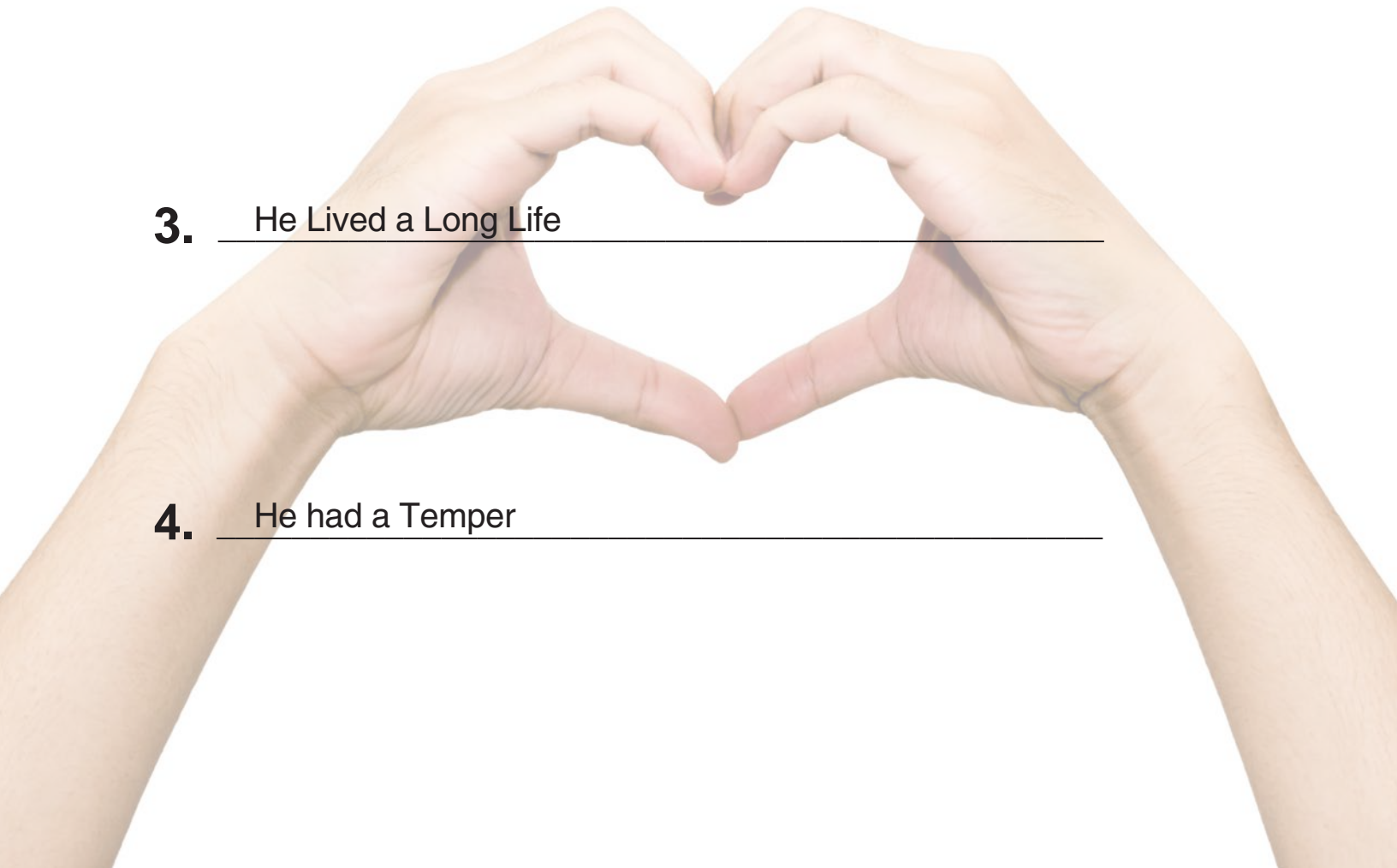
“ Unique Qualities About the Apostle John ”

1. He Spent 3 Years with Jesus

2. He Was Part of the Inner Circle

3. He Lived a Long Life

4. He had a Temper



# Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life.

## HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit [pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/) or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

### Read 1 John 1:1-4, 21:25

Given John was an eyewitness, spending 3 years with Jesus, what does this imply about their relationship? What does it also imply about John's Gospel? How does this adjust your view?

### Read Matthew 17:1-3

In what way was Peter, James, and John part of an inner circle? Why do you think Jesus did this? Given John's brother James never wrote a book, what does this imply about Peter and John's writing?

### Read Mark 3:16-17

Why did Jesus call John and his brother James "sons of thunder"? How does Luke 9:51-56 demonstrate this behavior? Given Jesus loved John, how does this encourage you?

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## Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at [pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons).

### **MONDAY // Read John 13:23, 19:26, 20:2, 21:7**

- Given John is the only Apostle who is described as "the disciple whom Jesus loved", what does this imply?
- Why is this important from a relational and friendship standpoint? Do you have a friend whom you love?
- What did it take for this love to build? How does this encourage you in your study through John's Gospel?

### **TUESDAY // Read 1 John 1:1-4, Matthew 10:2-4, Acts 4:13**

- From an author's standpoint, why is it important to know that John provides an eyewitness account of Jesus?
- Why is it also important to know that John spent 3 years traveling and living with Jesus? Be specific.
- In what way does this make the Gospel of John unique from other New Testament books?

### **WEDNESDAY // Read Matthew 17:1-3, Mark 5:35-37**

- What are the names of the three Apostles who are always mentioned together? Why are they singled out?
- What does this imply about being on the inside? What does this also highlight about The Gospel of John?
- Knowing that the majority of John's Gospel is not in the other Gospels, how does this adjust your perspective?

### **THURSDAY // Read Revelation 1:9-10**

- Given John wrote the Book of Revelation between 85-90 A.D., approximately how old would he have been?
- Knowing that most of the Apostles died at an early age, how does John's age testify to the validity of Jesus?
- Why is this also important from a faith and confidence standpoint? How does this help your confidence?

### **FRIDAY // Read Mark 3:16-17, Luke 9:51-56, John 3:16**

- Why did Jesus call James & John "sons of thunder"? What does this imply about how Jesus experienced them?
- Given that John is the disciple whom Jesus loved, what does this highlight about God's love?
- In what way does this essentially demonstrate our need for the Gospel? How does this encourage you?

### **SATURDAY // Read John 21:15-25**

- Today's reading highlights how Peter was reinstated by Jesus after the resurrection. How did it also include John?
- Although v. 25 can make you curious, how does it build confidence as we study through John's Gospel?
- Take some time to pray right now, asking God to speak to you in the weeks ahead as we study the Gospel of John.

**MEDITATION VERSE:** *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the work of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—*  
1 John 1:1-2