

# **John's Letters: Lesson 1**

## Introduction: Background and Overview

**Lesson Text:** 1, 2 and 3 John

**Assignment:** Read the lesson text and answer the questions to prepare for class discussion.

### **Study Guide Questions**

1. Provide a brief biography of John the Apostle. Note especially his character, apostleship and relationship with Jesus. Also, what do we know about his later years?
2. How does John describe false teachers? What specific error(s) does John address? (See especially 1 Jn. 2:18-27; 4:1-6; 2 Jn. 7-11)
3. How does John refer to his audience? What does this suggest about his relationship with his audience?
4. Compare 1 Jn. 5:13 and Jn. 20:30-31. Why did John write his first letter? According to these verses, how do John and 1 John fit together?
5. Write down key words and phrases that stand out to you as you read through these letters.