

Later in life, John was exiled to the island of Patmos because of his faith in Jesus. This is where he was living when he wrote letters to the churches in Asia Minor and received the vision he recorded in the book of Revelation.

Jesus had an inner circle of three disciples: Peter, James, and John. John had a front-row seat for the biggest moments of Jesus' ministry.

### HOMETOWN

Probably Capernaum,  
Galilee, Israel

### WHERE IS IT NOW?

Capernaum, Israel

### BACKGROUND

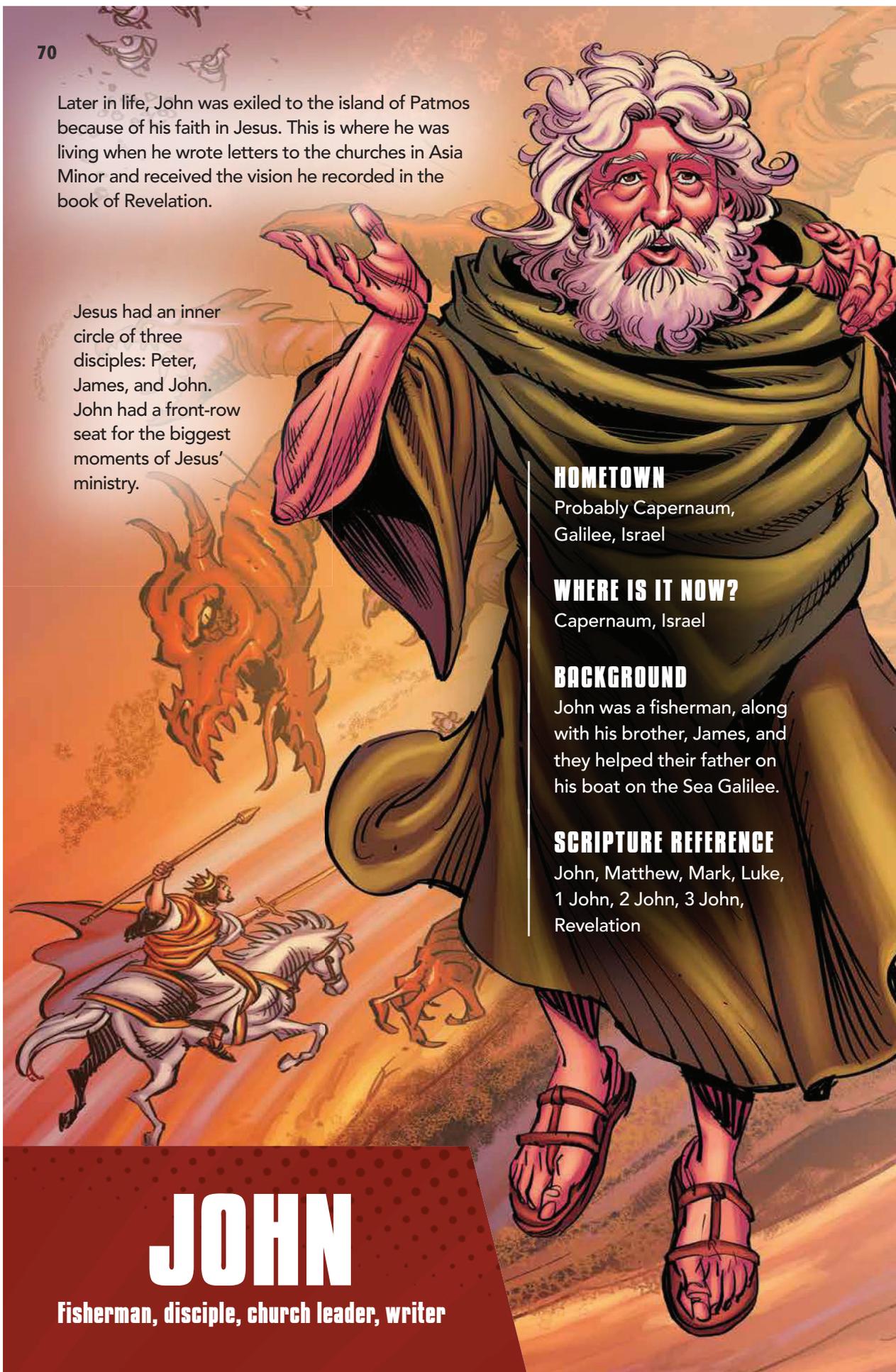
John was a fisherman, along with his brother, James, and they helped their father on his boat on the Sea Galilee.

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

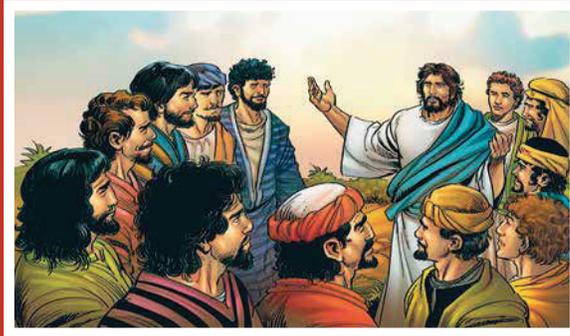
John, Matthew, Mark, Luke,  
1 John, 2 John, 3 John,  
Revelation

# JOHN

Fisherman, disciple, church leader, writer



John was one of three disciples present at the transfiguration of Jesus when His face and clothing changed and became dazzling white to represent His glory.



## CLAIM TO FAME

John was one of Jesus' first disciples and called himself "the disciple whom Jesus loved." He wrote five books of the Bible: a history of Jesus' life and four letters, including the vision called Revelation.



FISHED WITH HIS FAMILY

It is believed that John was the only disciple who lived to be an old man. Judas killed himself after betraying Jesus, and church tradition holds that the other ten were killed for their faith during the years after Jesus returned to heaven.

John's gospel includes some stories that don't appear in the other gospels. John probably wrote his later in life, when he was no longer a young man, which gave him more time to talk to other people and reflect. Only in his book appears the well-known verse John 3:16 and the stories of Lazarus, Nicodemus, the Woman at the Well, and Jesus washing the disciples' feet.

## MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT

John may have been embarrassed when his mother asked Jesus to give her sons, John and James, special favor. When Jesus would finally bring about the kingdom He was building, she wanted them to be allowed to sit right next to His throne. This request made the other disciples mad.

On the night Jesus was betrayed, He and His disciples were eating the Passover dinner together. John was sitting right next to Jesus, so close he could whisper in His ear. After Jesus revealed that one of them would turn against Him, Peter told John to ask Jesus who it would be. Jesus said it was the person He gave the next piece of bread to—Judas.