



2 John

Background

- 2 and 3 John are the shortest books in the New Testament. They were penned under inspiration by the Apostle John.
- They were written sometime between 85 and 95 AD, shortly before his stay on the Island of Patmos. All of his books were written near the end of his life.
- This letter was written to a Christian woman and her children (1), the only book of the Bible so addressed.
- She regularly hosted teachers and preachers in her home. A local church likely met in her home.

Roadmap

1. **Balancing Truth and Love (1-3)**
2. **Walking in Truth and Love (4-6)**
3. **Standing for Truth and Love (7-13)**

Landmark

2 John is about the essential relationship between truth and love. Remove one and the other is ruined.

Must See

Jesus is the Son of the Father (3) and the only Way to the Father (9). He is both Truth and Love!

Takeaways

1. Love is as non-negotiable as truth - so give it freely!
2. Truth is as non-negotiable as love - so guard it closely!
3. The balance of truth and love is compelling - so grow it wisely!