

Just Thinking Apologetics

Continuing with the doctrine of the Trinity, perhaps the best New Testament evidence is found in the gospel of John. The Trinity appears from the very first verse all the way until chapter 16. The most frequent listing of the Godhead can be found between chapters 14 and 16.

Lets consider some examples from the gospel of John and then from one of John's epistles. In John 1:33-34, we find this statement, "I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." In this short passage you have each person (Father, Son , and Holy Spirit) of the Holy Trinity.

In the book of 1st John 4:2, the verse mentions all 3 persons of the Trinity by stating, "This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God." Another clear example appears in the same chapter at verses 13-14, "We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world." Next week we will examine the 1st chapter of John and the clear evidence of Trinitarian doctrine.