

Artwork Inspired by the Gospel of John

The following websites provide images of artwork by artists, past and present, inspired by the Gospel of John. They are provided for your enjoyment, and to spark ideas as you ponder art you might make for this exhibit.

catholic-resources.com was founded by Roman Catholic priest, Rev. Felix Just, S.J to provide many and diverse Biblical resources for everyone, whether Roman Catholic or not. It is a rich resource. Explore the following links to see many artworks related to the Gospel of John:

<https://catholic-resources.org/John/Art-1.html>

[Religious – John August Swanson Studio](#) This links to work of one of the artists featured on this site.

“Behold the Man” is a selection of artwork from the collections of Sandra Bowden. “This exhibition (Behold the Man) is organized to place the viewer at the scene where Jesus was condemned by the crowd as described in Matthew 27, “And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, ‘Let him be crucified.’”

<http://bowdencollections.com/ecce-homo.html>

“ArtWay” is a website with a great variety of materials and resources for scholars, artists, art enthusiasts and congregations concerned about linking art and faith.” The following link provides links to artworks related to the New Testament. Scan it for those artworks specifically related to the Gospel of John.

<https://artway.eu/content.php?id=81&action=list&lang=en>

The website “www.Christian.Art” was founded by Roman Catholic priest Patrick van der Vorst. “The mission of Christian Art is to offer a daily Gospel Reading paired with a related work of art and a short reflection. Our goal is to help people grow closer to God through the magnificent pairing of art and the Christian faith.” To find artworks related to John’s Gospel, click on “Filter Gospel Readings” on the left of the screen. In the “Book” drop-down menu, choose “John” to open many pages of art related to John’s Gospel; clicking on each piece will take you to a larger image, a Scripture text, and a Reflection.

Artist: Makoto Fujimura is a living well-known, highly respected Christian artist and writer who studied at both an American and a Japanese University. His art fuses fine art and abstract expressionism with the traditional *Nihonga* and *Kacho-ga* traditions.

<https://makotofujimura.com/art/portals/four-holy-gospels>

Artist: Sadao Watanabe (1913-1996) lived his whole life in Japan and converted from Buddhism to Christianity at 17 years old. He used the traditional Japanese folk art of stencil dying, or *katazome*, to create colorful images of biblical scenes that he hoped would communicate his Christian faith to his people. His prints are well-known and loved around the world.

<http://bowdencollections.com/sadao-watanabe.html>

Artist: Dr. P. Solomon Raj (1919-1921) was an influential Lutheran theologian and artist from India. He used the art mediums of linocut and wood block printing, batik, and acrylic painting to explain Biblical narratives and spread the Christian message in India and internationally.

<https://artway.eu/content.php?id=1799&lang=en&action=show>