

# **The Gospel of John**

Sunday evening, Nov 6th

## ***1. Who Wrote the Gospel of John?***

- A. The author does not identify himself as in the epistles.
- B. The author was the disciple who wrote the gospel (21:24).

## ***2. When Did John Write his Gospel?***

The Gospel between 85 and 95 AD from Ephesus

## ***3. Why Did John Write his Gospel?***

The key to understanding the Gospel of John is at the book's backdoor (20:30-31).

- 1. The first is apologetic: To convince his readers that Jesus is the Son of God.
- 2. The second is evangelistic: To persuade his readers to believe on the Son of God.

John alone records Jesus' seven claims of deity (The Seven "I am" statements)

- 1. I am the Bread of life (6:35)
- 2. I am the Light of the World (8:12)
- 3. I am the Door (10:7)
- 4. I am the Good Shepherd (10:11)
- 5. I am the Resurrection and the life (11:25)
- 6. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life (14:6)
- 7. I am the True Vine (15:1)

## ***4. How Did John Develop his Theme?***

A. The Introduction (1:1-18).

B. Jesus' Seven Miracles (1:19-12:50). This covers a few years.

- 1. Changing water into wine in Cana (2:1-11)
- 2. Healing an official's son in Capernaum (4:46-54). Followed by two interviews
- 3. Healing an invalid at the Pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem (5:1-18)
- 4. Feeding the 5,000 near the Sea of Galilee (6:5-14). Followed by rejection
- 5. Walking on the water of the Sea of Galilee (6:16-21). Followed by rejection
- 6. Healing a blind man in Jerusalem (9:1-7). Followed by rejection
- 7. Raising dead Lazarus in Bethany (11:1-45). Followed by rejection in 12:37

C. Jesus' The Upper Room Sermon (13-17). This covers a few hours.

D. Jesus' Passion and Resurrection (18-20). This covers a few weeks.