

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.