

A Set-Apart Gospel: Introduction to John

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Introduction

What is John's Gospel

It is a Gospel, but _____

Over _____% of John is _____

Why is John's Gospel so unique?

These are written... (John 20:31a)

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| 1. Water to wine | John 2:1-12 | 5. Crossing the sea | John 6:15-21 |
| 2. Distance healing | John 4:46-54 | 6. Man born blind | John 9:1-12 |
| 3. 38-year lameness | John 5:1-15 | 7. Raising Lazarus | John 11:1-44 |
| 4. Feeding the 5,000 | John 6:1-14 | | |

8. _____ & _____ John _____ - _____

*... that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
And that believing you may have life in His name. (John 20:31b)*

John's intended readers were _____

Why does John focus on signs?

The Greater-than-Moses Prophet-like-Moses:

1. must not _____,
2. but must _____.

Who wrote the Gospel of John?

The beloved disciple: John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7, 20

Was the author big-headed to call himself the disciple whom Jesus loved?

Who is the beloved disciple?

He would be part of the inner circle: Peter, James, and John

Is he Peter?

Is he James?

Is he John?

When was John written?

Before A.D. 70 John 5:2 says, "There is a pool"

John's silence about ministry to Gentiles suggests an early date

Alleged instances of ministry to Gentiles:

The Samaritan woman and her village (John 4:1-42)

The royal official (John 4:46-54)

Other sheep that are not part of this flock (John 10:16)

Greeks who came up to Jerusalem at Passover to worship (John 12:20-22)

This suggests that John was written before Acts 10 (Cornelius) = A.D. _____

John likely wrote after Caiaphas was removed from the office of High Priest = A.D. _____

Who Were the Original Recipients of John's Gospel?

They were unbelievers

They were Jews

They were of the Diaspora

They had "tourist" knowledge of the land of Israel

They had familiarity with the Old Testament and Jewish religious practices

Conclusion