

Christ The Rock Church

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Gospel of John

Introduction

I Kings 8:27

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You, how much less this house which I have built!

Acts 17:24

The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made by human hands.

Phil. 2:6-7

who, as He already existed in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied Himself by taking the form of a bond-servant and being born in the likeness of men.

Hebrews 1:1-3

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in *His* Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Colossians 1:15 (Amplified)

[Jesus] is the exact living image [the essential manifestation] of the unseen God [the visible representation of the invisible], the firstborn [the preeminent one, the sovereign, and the originator] of all creation.

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O.T. Law reveals sin

Only Jesus removes sin

Synoptics = events

John = meaning of events

(all record feeding 5,000)

John the Author

from Galilee (Bethsaida)

brother of James (Boanerges)

son of Zebedee & Salome

wealthy fishing family

disciple of John the Baptist

John the Author

inner circle of three

influence with the High Priest

only disciple at the cross

cared for Jesus mother until death

John the Author

Recorded Jesus 'Revelation'

Exiled to Patmos

Ephesus with Mary

'disciple whom Jesus loved'

Structure

Chaps. 1-12: Public Ministry

Chaps. 13-20: Passion Week

Chapter 21: Epilogue

4 Gospels

3 **Synoptics**: “to see together”

Synoptics a **presentation** of Jesus

(Jesus outwardly, human aspects)

John an **interpretation** of Jesus

(Jesus inwardly, His deity)

Differences

3 Synoptic Gospels:

Primarily Jesus Galilean Ministry

The 'Messianic Miracle'

John: Judean Ministry

Jesus as Deity from 1:1 onward

Gospel of John

John communicates thru **dialogue** (27)

(Jesus w/others, others about Jesus) &

'7' Feasts of Israel ('I Am' statements)

(feasts meant to point to Jesus)

Note: **signs** (point to something), **wonders** (get people's attention)

Gospel of John - [I AM] Themes

- 1) The Bread of Life (John 6)
- 2) Light of the World (8:12)
- 3) Door of the Sheep (10:7, 9)
- 4) The Good Shepherd (10:11-14)

Gospel of John - Themes

(5) The Resurrection /the Life (11:25)

(6) The Way, Truth, Life (14:6)

(7) The True Vine (15:1, 5)

??? The Living Water: John 4:10-14; 7:37-39

John doesn't include:

Lord's Birth – no Christmas Story

No Baptism Account

No Temptation Account

No Transfiguration Account

John doesn't include:

No Casting out Evil Spirits

No Agony of Gethsemane

No Record of Jesus Ascension

John doesn't include:

No Lord's Supper (why) –
yet, John includes 5 chapters of
Jesus' Upper Room discourse
(25 % of his gospel)

Differences

Matthew – 16 Parables

Mark – 5 Parables

Luke – 20 Parables

John – No Parables

Differences

Matthew – 18 Miracles

Mark – 18 Miracles

Luke – 20 Miracles

John – 8 Specific Miracles (why)

John 20:30-31

And many other **signs** truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

But **these** [**8 sign miracles**] are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

A Perfect Octave

A perfect octave is a series of eight notes occupying the interval between two notes, one having twice the frequency of vibration of the other (referred to as the "basic miracle of music" (440 Mhz – 880 Mhz)).

‘8’: the number of new beginnings

7 Sign Miracles (or 8)

- 1) Water to Wine (John 2)
- 2) Heal Nobleman's Son (John 4)
- 3) Paralytic at Bethesda (John 5)
- 4) Feeding of 5,000 (John 6)

7 Sign Miracles (or 8)

5) Walk on Sea Galilee (John 6)

6) Sight to the Blind (John 9)

7) Lazarus from dead (John 11)

8) Net of Fish (John 21)

Differences -- Genealogies

Matthew: Abraham

(Legal Line - True King Israel)

Mark: None (Servant)

Luke: Adam (Bloodline – The Perfect Man)

John: Eternity Past (Pre-existent God)

Differences -- Genealogies

Matthew: to the Jew

Mark: to the Roman

Luke: to the Greek

John: to the Church

Gospel of John - Structure

Jesus public Ministry Ends with **Chapter 12**

Chapter 13-20 the last week of Jesus life

Chapter 21 - Epilogue

Questions . . .

Given the critical nature of the Gospels, why weren't they written for decades after Jesus ascended?

Questions . . .

How does this gospel
“fit” into N.T. and the
bible overall?

Check Your Bias at the Door

The Bible is not Western
Historical Literature (linear:
chronological cause & effect). It
is (primarily) an ancient Jewish,
Mediterranean book (thematic).

Check Your Bias at the Door

The Gospels are not linear chronology, biography nor autobiography. They are gospel tracts written to targeted audiences.

Check Your Bias at the Door

The Gospels each choose representative events to confirm their specific presentation of Jesus, yet the books of the world could not contain everything.

Hermeneutics:

Rules of the science of interpretation

The purpose of biblical hermeneutics is to help us to know how to properly **interpret**, **understand**, and **apply** the Bible.

We will ask: what does the text mean, rather than, what does it mean to me.

My Bias's (Hermeneutical Approach)

History: culture, background, situation

Context: what comes before/after the
verse, chapter, book, entire Bible

Grammar: Hebrew, Greek, English

Parallel Passages: scripture its own commentary

Word Studies: (light, water, bread, etc.)

Genre: (history, poetry, prophecy, etc.)

My Bias's (Hermeneutical Approach)

My goal is to present evidence of Jesus deity in the light of the Gospel of John (as well as the entire Bible)

Jesus is **the Way** – but they would not
walk with Him (John 6:66-71)

Jesus is **the Truth** – but they would not
believe Him (John 12:37ff)

Jesus is **the Life** – and they crucified Him

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