

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "John: the Gospel of Belief" (Part 2)

Title: A Survey of John

INTRODUCTION:

1. God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." God said, "Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."
2. Before we cross the threshold of John's Gospel, we're compelled take off our shoes, for every page is ablaze with deity. More than almost any other book, we realize that here we're standing on holy ground.

WHY FOUR GOSPELS?

A picture is more complete when taken from several different angles.

1. Matthew: "Behold, your _____"
2. Mark: "Behold, My _____"
3. Luke: "Behold, a _____"
4. John: "Behold, your _____"

WHAT IS JOHN'S PURPOSE? (See 20:30-31)

1. His purpose was to so screen and so structure his material that the narrative would lead the reader to the irrefutable _____ that Jesus was indeed the Son of God.
2. Having led them to the Son, he would have them _____ the living water that Jesus offers to all through faith (John 4:14).

A SURVEY OF JOHN'S GOSPEL

1. THE _____ (1:1-18)
 - A. The _____ (vss. 1-5, 9-14, 16-18)
 - B. _____ the _____ (vss. 6-8, 15)
 - C. The emphasis is clearly on "the Word".

2. THE MAIN _____ (1:19-20:31)

A. Jesus' _____ Ministry (1:19-12:50)

Covers 3½ years (from A.D. 26; baptism; to A.D. 30; triumphal entry)

1) His Deity is _____ (1:19-4:54)

Also referred to as the Period of Consideration.

2) His Deity is _____ (5:1-10:42)

The period of Controversy (5:1-6:71) and Conflict (7:1-10:42).

3) His Deity is _____ (11:1-12:50)

Also referred to as the Period of Crisis.

B. Jesus' _____ Ministry (chs. 13-17)

Jesus meets with His disciples in the Upper Room & prepares them for His departure and their future ministry in the inter-advent period.

C. Jesus' _____ Ministry (chs. 18-20)

1) He is falsely _____ (18:1-19:15)

2) He is finally _____ (19:16-42)

It is here that Jesus loudly proclaimed: "It is finished" (19:30).

3) He is fully _____ (20:1-31)

Distinctive Features of the Main Narrative:

1) Jesus' seven "sign" miracles.

2) Jesus' seven "I AM" statements.

3. THE _____ (21:1-25)

Chapter 21 is separated from the main body by 20:30-31. In some respects ch. 21 seems to be an afterthought, but it is not. It is an integral follow-up to the main narrative. The purpose of the Epilogue is to show how the belief which the disciples had achieved should be applied. [The word "believe" is not used in ch. 21]. The last chapter of the Gospel opens the door to the future & shows how belief should be translated into terms of daily activity.

A. Re-dedication (21:1-14; cp. Luke 5:1-11 and Rev. 3:20).

B. _____: "Do you love me?" (21:15-17; cp. Rev. 2:5).

C. _____: "Feed my sheep/lambs" (21:15-17).

D. Charge to His disciples (to each of us): "Follow Me" (21:19, 22)