John: Jesus is God

Intro: John the Person

Very Jewish

Jewish religious beliefs: Jews/Samaritans (Jn 4:9, 19f)

Feasts: Hanukkah (Jn. 10:22)

Weddings and Funerals (Jn 2:1-10; ch. 11)

Temple cleansing (Jn. 2:17), later claims—Jerusalem focus

Manna→ I am the bread of life Jn, 6:31, 35, 51, 63 my words spirit & life

Palestinian

Topography awareness: Bethany, other side of Jordan (Jn 1:28)

Jerusalem: Bethesda, (Jn 5:2)

Temple: 46 yrs. to build (Jn 2:20)

Eyewitness

We beheld his glory: Jn. 1:14

Malchus’ ear cut off: Jn 18:10

Fish count—153 (Jn 21:11)

Exact Hour (Jn 1:29, 35, 39)


Special Closeness to Christ—John’s not named

Disciple whom Jesus loved (Jn 21:20ff)

Peter and disciple –live forever? 21:23

Peter + disciple in Galilee fishing (Jn 21:7)

Outrunning Peter Jn. 20:2

At meal, special intimacy with Jesus

Last supper Jn 13:23

Take care of mother from cross Jn 19:26.

Peter+ John close association,

Transfiguration, Gethsemane, healing dead girl
Later in Acts healing cripple (Acts 3:1); Samaritans 8:14; before Sanhedrin 4:19;
Gal. 2:9 Paul lumps Peter, James and John together as pillars

Elimination procedure

John and 1 John relationship

1 Jn 3:14 We know that we have crossed over from death to life, because we love the brothers. The one not loving remains in death
John 5:24: I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, he has crossed over from death to life.

Only in these two places

John & 1 John Relationship

Jn 16:24 Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete
1 Jn 1:4 We write this to make our joy complete.
Jn. 3:6, 8: having been born of God=1 Jn 3:9; 5:1

Only these places

Revelation also by John (nikaw-overcomer; Rev. 2:7, 11; 1 Jn 2:13f; Jn 16:33)

Son of Zebedee—Galilee fisherman
John’s mother – Mat 27:56ff. –request...

Why 12 Apostles?

Special situations with Jesus:
transfiguration, raising dead girl, Gethsemane
Son of Thunder Mk 3:17
External evidence Polycarp was his student, Polycarp was the teacher of Irenaeus famous early church father

Date

Late? Theology?
Papyrus – early—P52—125 AD

Place – probably written at Ephesus

P52–John 18:31-33 (ca. 125 AD)

5 Purposes for Writing—BCGGS
Belief – Jn 20:30 / 3:16—sign miracles

Water to wine Jn 2
Paralyzed man – Bethesda pool Jn 5
Feeding 5,000 Jn 6 – other gospels
Walks on water Jn 6 – other gospels
Man born blind Jn 9
Lazarus raised Jn 11
Catch of fish Jn 21

Other discussions in John-- Wine

Drunkenness is a sin: 1 Cor 6:9f; Gal. 5:19ff.
Results of drinking described—Prov 31:4f, 23:31ff
Wine as medicine: 1 Tim 5:23f, pain killer; disinfectant Lk 10:34 (Good Samaritan)
3 types of wine in Bible (OT) strong drink, wine, new wine
What the Bible does NOT teach: communion, abstinence
Wine for today--costs
Why I’m into a soft-abstinence—Eric, Karen, David…Monica

Further Reflections on Wine

Further thoughts:

All things lawful all thing not profitable 1 Cor 6:12
Weaker brother stumble Rom 14:21f
Doubt don’t Rom 14:23
Does it glorify God 1 Cor 10:31
Don’t go legalistic...

BCGGS: Jesus is God

Errors of Cerinthus – Jesus a man on whom the spirit came, not God, rose only spiritually

Jehovah Witnesses:

And the Word was “a” God (Jn 1:1) Jesus was the son of God, created and hence inferior to Jehovah God.
Jn 14:28 Jesus says the father is greater than I; cf. also 20:17.
Col. 1:15 Christ the firstborn of creation;
Matt 24:36 son doesn’t know the day

Diety statements in John? contra JW’s
Jn 1:1 Word was “a” God, New World Transl.
Greek, KJV, NIV, NASV, NLT, NRSV, NAB (logos: 1:14) Word/logos was God
Jn 8:58 Before Abraham I am—stone him;
Jn 9:38 blindman worships him, contrast
Rev 19:10; 22:8f
Jn 10:30ff I and the Father are one—
blasphemy
Jn 20:28 Thomas, “My Lord and my God”

Mark 1:2 you = me = Jehovah = Jesus (Mal 3:1f)
I am the Alpha & Omega = God Father, Beginning and End Rev 1:8, 21:3-7;
First and last = YHWH Isa 48:12; Rev 1:17f = Jesus
Alpha/Omega, First & Last, Beginning and End = Jesus  Rev 22:13

Granville Sharp rule
2 Pet. 1:1 (cf. 1:11) & Tit 2:13
The+Noun1+And [Kai]+Noun2
Our God and Savior, Jesus Christ
Our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ
(Wallace, 122) Noun1=Noun2

BCGGS: Character Portrayals

Nathaniel the skeptic
Nicodemus the religious quester insider
Woman of Samaria – outsider

Comparison Nick & Woman of Samaria
Nic: status: high           Woman: low
Nic polite/Jesus abrupt;       Jesus polite/woman abrupt
Nic asks questions,          Jesus asks woman questions
Nic undecided??          Woman witness
Nic end of book          Samaritans in Acts
Adulteress Pericope—text and message

Blind man—sees clearly, Pharisees blinded by Sabbath

Thomas the doubter?
  Inquisitive Jn 14:5
  Courageous Jn 11:16
  Doubting—Jn 20:24f

Glory / doxa
  1:14 We beheld his glory
  2:11 Cana wine: revealed his glory
  11:4 Lazarus’ death:
  Glory manifest through love 17:22-24

Synoptic Supplement
  No childhood stories,
  No genealogy
  No temptation
  No sermon on Mount
  No parables
  Judean ministry focus
  Passion week focus
  Last day focus (Jn 13-19)

When & Where: Judean ministry

Teaching of Christ: I am—statements
  6:35 I am the bread of life;
  10:11 I am the good shepherd;
  11:25 I am the resurrection;
  14:6 I am the way, truth, life
  15:5 I am the vine

Coming Holy Spirit – paraclete 16:13f

Father-Son relationship: Prayer 17:1
Characteristic words: agape, truly, truly, logos

Rich contrasts: light/darkness 1:4f

The disciple whom Jesus loved

    Hunt = Lazarus;  Hildebrandt = John

Author: Hunt=John Elder; Hildebrandt = John