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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)
                Eyewitness confirmations (Jn 19:35; 21:24; contra Luke 1:1-4)
        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
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Take care of mother from cross Jn 19:26.

Transfiguration, Gethsemane, healing dead girl

Peter+ John close association,

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

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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
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Coming Holy Spirit – paraclete 16:13f Father-Son relationship: Prayer 17:1

15:5 I am the vine

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