

Outline of the Gospel of John

I. PROLOGUE (1:1-1:18)

- A. In the past God has revealed Himself in many ways (creation, mighty deeds, words, through the Spirit)
- B. BUT NOW the Word becomes flesh; God's powerful self-expression in: New Creation, Revelation, and Deliverance

II. BOOK OF SIGNS (1:19-CH 12)

A. Overview: 7 Signs that culminate in the raising of Lazarus

- 1. *The first half of the Gospel fulfills John's purpose statement (20:30-31)*
 - a) The book of signs demonstrates that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah (Christ) and the Son of God
 - b) The Jew's rejection of Jesus is in the face of the ever-increasing revelation of God's character and divine nature through the Messiah's words and deeds

B. Part 1: John the Baptist's Testimony and the collecting of disciples (1:19-51)

C. Part 2: The Cana Cycle (2:1-4:54)

1. *Jesus early ministry (signs, works, words)*

- a) Jesus' first sign (Cana wedding) and second sign (Official's son)

(1) *In between these signs Jesus clears the temple (during Passover), speaks with Nicodemus, and speaks with the Samaritan woman*

D. Part 3: The Festival Cycle (5:1-10:42)

- 1. *"Feast" (Ch 5), During Passover Jesus feeds 5,000 (Ch 6), Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles (7:1-8:59), Feast of Dedication (Ch 10)*
- 2. *Controversy between Jesus and Jews begins to mount; rising opposition (5:1-7:53)*
 - a) Signs 3-5: Lame man (Ch 5), Feeding 5,000 and walking on water (Ch 6)
- 3. *Climactic signs, works, and words in the context of radical confrontation (8:12 - 10:42)*
 - a) Sign 6: Blind man (Ch 9)

III. BRIDGE (CH 11-12)

A. Final escalation of the signs in the 7th sign: the raising of Lazarus (Ch 11)

- 1. *Ultimate hardening of the Jews against Jesus; Lazarus' resurrection directly leads to a judicial decision to kill Jesus*

B. Mary anoints Jesus, Triumphal entry, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified" (Ch 12)

C. Both chapters Set the stage/Point/Transition to the ultimate "sign"/supernatural act...

- a) The supreme revelation of God... the culminating, glorious work of Christ on the CROSS and in RESURRECTION

IV. BOOK OF GLORY (CH 13-20)

A. Part 1: Farewell Discourse (Ch 13-17)

- 1. *Cleansing of the Messianic community: Footwashing and Judas's departure (13:1-30)*
- 2. *Jesus' departure and the sending of the Spirit (13:31-14:31)*
- 3. *Jesus the true vine; the disciples must abide in Him (15:1-7)*
- 4. *The Spirit and the disciples' witness to the world (15:18-16:33)*
- 5. *High priestly prayer; a Discourse doxology (Ch 17)*

B. Part 2: Passion Narrative (Ch 18-19)

- 1. *Betrayal, Arrest, Jewish Trial, Roman Trial (Ch 18-19:16a)*
- 2. *Crucifixion and Burial (19:16b-42)*

C. Part 3: Jesus' Resurrection (Ch 20)

- 1. *Commissioning of Jesus disciples*
- 2. *John's purpose in writing comes at the end 20:30-31*

V. EPILOGUE (CH 21)

- A. Breakfast with Jesus and Peter's restoration