Finding the Truth: Understanding the Bible

The Gospels: John

Author: John the Apostle, son of Zebedee

Date: Unknown, 80's-90's, last Gospel written

Emphasis: Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God

Structure: Prologue: (1:1-18)

Part 1: (1:19-12:50)

- Jesus first, manifests himself as Son of God to his disciples.
- He is then revealed to the world as Son of God.
- Story is told through the setting of Jewish feasts.
 - Passover (2:13-4:54)
 - Sabbath (5:1-47)
 - Passover (6:1-71)
 - Tabernacles (7:1-10:21)
 - Dedication (10:22-42)
 - Prelude to final Passover (11:1-12:36)
- There are also sevens signs (miracles) and seven "I am" sayings.

Part 2: (13:1-20:31)

- Focus on disciples who will carry out the mission (ch13-17)
- Focus on the crucifixion (ch 18-19)
- Focus on resurrection and commissioning of disciples (ch 20-21)

Purpose: Written at a time when false prophets have become prominent, denying the incarnation, death and resurrection of Jesus, John focuses on illustrating the

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Suggested Reading

HTRTBFAIW: pages 132-167 HTRTBBBB: pages 304-313 HTRTBTTJL: pages 174-177

Key Verses:

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 10:30

"I and the Father are one."

John 20:31

Motos

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name

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