

Know and Do—Hermeneutics

- Week 1: “A Roadmap from There to Here”—moving properly from scriptural context to modern application
- Week 2: “Observe and Interpret”—seeing what’s in the text and knowing what it means
- Week 3: “Find the Gospel”—grasping appropriate Christ-connections in every passage
- Week 4: “Apply”—applying the text properly to your life
- Week 5: “Organize Your Thoughts On Paper”—documenting what you gain from the text
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- Week 8: “Recognizing Biblical Genres”—learning how a text’s genre affects its meaning
- Week 9: “Digging Deeper Into the Text”—gaining specialized tools for deeper study
- Week 10: “Difficult and Familiar Passages”—avoiding both an overly apprehensive and an overly casual approach to the texts

Hermeneutics, Week 7: Unlocking the Old and New Testaments (know portion)

I. Understanding the Old Testament can be _____. _____.

Five Tools for Understanding the OT:

i. _____

ii. _____

iii. _____

iv. _____

v. _____

II. Understanding the New Testament can be _____. _____.

Four Concepts to Keep in Mind for Understanding the NT:

i. The New Testament contains different _____.

ii. The Gospels are about _____.

iii. Know the difference between _____ and _____.

iv. Remember _____ Scripture is _____.

Hermeneutics, Week 7: Unlocking the Old and New Testaments (do portion)

In your groups, you will study Leviticus 19:19. Have someone read the text and someone else pray for the group, then answer the questions below. This is a difficult text. Use all the tools you've gained so far to help you answer the questions.

1. What is the context of the passage?
 - a. Who wrote the text? To whom?
 - b. What is being said? (the main point)
 - c. When is it taking place?
 - d. Where is it taking place in the context of Scripture? What is happening in the verses and chapters before and after the text?
 - e. Why is the speaker saying what he is saying?
2. In what covenant is this taking place (Adamic, Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, New)?
 - a. How does the text flow from the previous covenant?
 - b. How does the text anticipate the next covenant?
3. How does this text relate to the rest of the canon (the Old and New Testaments)?
4. What does this text tell you about God's character?
5. Can you think of a way this text connects to Christ?
6. How might a right understanding of this text affect someone's life today? In other words, what is a faithful application of this text?

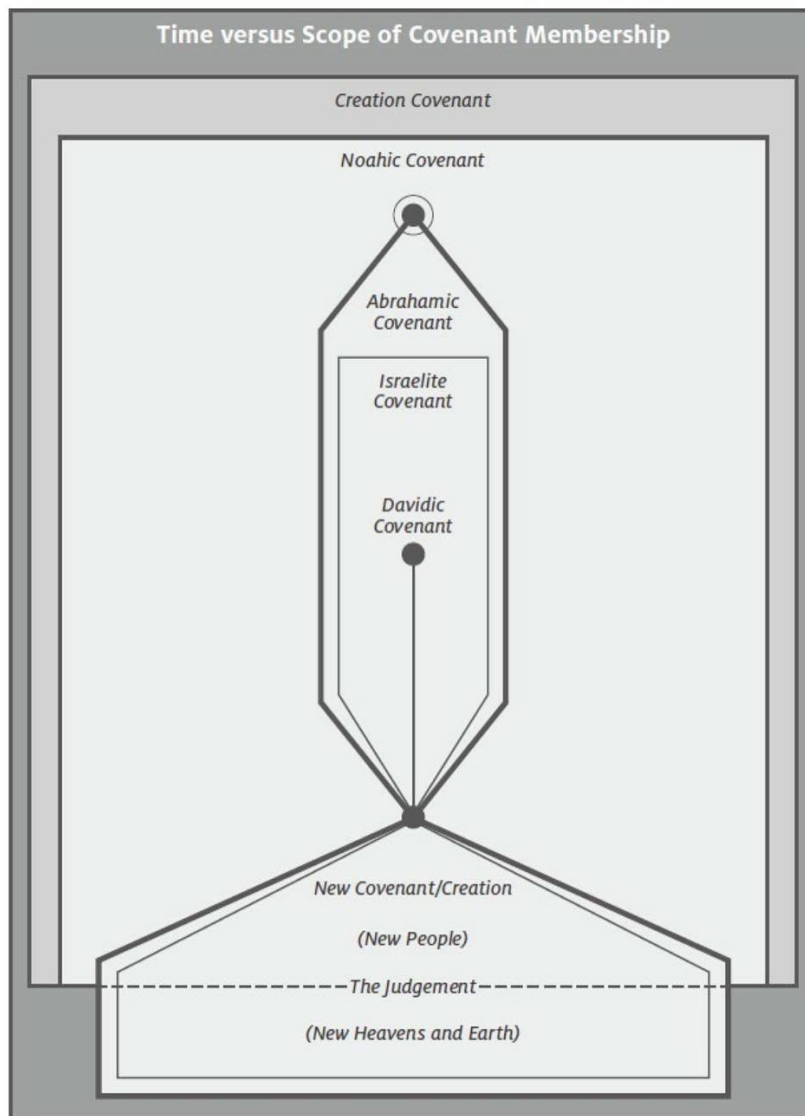


Fig. 16.3

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
JOHN

Introduction

The Gospel of John was written to persuade people to believe in Jesus (20:30-31). The opening verses declare that Jesus is God, stressing his unique relationship with God the Father. The book focuses on seven of Jesus' signs (miracles), to show his divinity. Jesus called people to believe in him, promising eternal life. He proved he could give life by raising Lazarus (ch. 11) and by his own death and resurrection. John foretells Christ's seven "I am" statements, his encounters with Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman, his Upper Room teachings and washing of the disciples' feet (chs. 13-16), and his high priestly prayer (ch. 17). It includes the most well-known summary of the gospel (1:10). The author was probably the apostle John, writing about A.D. 85.

The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was "the Word," and "the Word was with God, and the Word was God." He was in the beginning with God. "All things were made through him, and without him, was not any thing made that was made." "In him was life," and "the life was the light of men." "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John." He came as a witness to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. "He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light."

"The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world." He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet "the world did not know him." He came to "his own," and "his own people" did not receive him. "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." "Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." "If John bore witness about him, and

cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me."' "For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." "No one has ever seen God; the only God who is at the Father's side," he has made him known.

The Testimony of John the Baptist

"And this is the testimony of John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' "He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, 'I am not the Christ.' "And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the Prophet?' And he answered, 'No.' "So they said to him, 'Who are you?' We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

"Now they had been sent from the Pharisees." "They asked him, 'Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water, but among you stand one you do not know.' "Even 'he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.' "These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing."

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Behold, the Lamb of God

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!' "This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' "I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him." "I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' "And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

"The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples. "And he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God!' "The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, 'What are you seeking?' And they said to him, 'Rabbi' (which means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' "He said to them, 'Come and you will see.' So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour." "One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother." "He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which means Christ). "He brought him to Jesus, Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon

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the son of 'John. You shall be called 'Cephas' (which means 'Peter')."

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

"The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' "Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter." "Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' "Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' "Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, 'Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!' "Nathanael said to him, 'How do you know me?' Jesus answered him, 'Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.' "Nathanael answered him, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered him, 'Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these.' "And he said to him, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.'"

The Wedding at Cana

"On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. "When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' "And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' "His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'"

"Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons." Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. "And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master.' So they took some of the water that was in the jars and brought it to the master. The Jews who were there said to him, 'What is this?'"

John 1:19-51. The author was probably the apostle John, writing about A.D. 85.



John 1:1-14 ▾ English Standard Version ▾

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Cross references

CROSS REFERENCE

John 1:10, Psalm 33:6, 1 Corinthians 8:6, Colossians 1:16, Hebrews 1:2

John 1:10 ESV

He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

Psalm 33:6 ESV

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the