

Overview of the Gospel of John

St. Paul Lutheran Church

The Purpose of the Text

Difficulties:

- A. The styles are different in different places
- B. The sequence of events is difficult to follow
- C. There are repetitions

Solutions:

- A. The pages got mixed up
- B. Multiple Sources

Date: between 70 and 100.

We have copies of John from 135

The idea of sacramental thought and theology

Temple destroyed in 70

Peter dies in 60s

Disciple who wrote it isn't dead

Author:

John son of Zebedee

Chapter 21:1,20 and 24 along with 13:25

John the disciple of the Lord, who leaned back on his breast, published the gospel while he was a resident at Ephesus in Asia. - *Irenaeus*

Symbolism and literal truth.

God is capable of both.

The Prologue:

Verses 1-5:

Give us an emphasis of the heavenly ministry of Jesus. Contrast this with the incarnation stories in the other Gospels. This is more than the story of Jesus on earth.

6-8:

This is the last prophet. John the Baptist is here to point to the light, this is an interjection on the hymn, an explanation.

9-14:

describes the first and second part, the Signs (12) and the Glory. Those who believe and those who don't.

15:

Before and after?

16:

grace upon grace?

17-18:

The Law and the Gospel.