Books of the Book Series

The Gospel of John Outline of Script for TV Production 3ABN Studios March 4-12, 2013

2. The Purpose of John's Gospel

Begin where we left off.

2. Scene A. Statement of Purpose

The purpose is clearly stated in <u>20:30-31</u> (<u>hina</u> w subj) In order that:

You might believe

Jesus is the Messiah

The Son of God

You might have life (in His name)

Key question: Who is "You" (the audience of the gospel)

2. Scene B. The Context 20:24-29

24-28 - Thomas's advantage

29 - blessing

Compare with verses 30-31

Thomas represents disciples (those who have seen)

Those who have not seen = "You"

Second generation

The gospel was written so that those who had not seen might believe.

The way readers take advantage of Jesus' blessings.

The earlier scenes at the tomb serve the same purpose

John is the ideal representative of the second generation

Unlike Peter, Mary and Thomas he believed without seeing.

2. Scene C. The Setting John 21:20-23

Death of the apostles --->

Believers troubled

Cling to John

"If only Jesus were here"

Second-hand disciples feel at a disadvantage

Jesus foresaw their plight and pledged to dwell with them too

2. Scene D. Further Evidence for Second Generation Emphasis

Chapter 17 - conclusion to farewell:

v. 2 - authority to give Eternal Life to all who are given to Him. All who?

v. 12 - disciples (Judas)

v. 20 - those who believe them (disciples) not having seen Him

15:1-7 - Vine = Jesus

Branches = Disciples

Fruit = later generations

"Another comforter" (it is better for you)

Chapter 21

Untorn net = unity of church

Fish = 2nd generation

Jesus directed their conversion

2. Scene E. Message to the Second Generation

It is found in the miracles

<u>Distance</u> Word
Water to Wine "Fill and draw"
King's officer "Go thy way"
Paralytic "Arise"

Blind man "Go and wash"

Lazarus "Lazareth, come forth"

- a) Distance is no barrier
- b) The Word is key to His power

Theme - "His Word is as Good as His Touch (Presence)" 14:26-- Holy Spirit reminds of His Word

2. Scene F. Message to the Second Generation

Practical Usage-- John 4:46-54:

- 1. Realize you have a problem
- 2. Bring it to Jesus
- 3. Receive the word that your need is met
- 4. Speak and act God's answer