

Books of the Book Series

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

1. *John Among the Gospels*

(B) Greetings and Self-Introductions

Just met
Reality TV

1. Scene A. The Four Gospels

Hollywood version of Jesus

Valuable

But can mask unique emphases that speak to unique people

Like toothpaste

(Colgate, Close Up, Ultra Brite)

One essential message, four unique styles

Four unique portraits of Jesus

Pay-off

There is more than one right way to think

All attempts to describe Christ or truth need some qualification

Due to our weakness, not God's

Paradox (either/or dilemmas)

human/divine

faith/works

Affirm truth on both sides of an issue

Inclusive approach

---> Unity (John 17)

Two extremes:

Only one right way to think

All ways of thinking are right

Quiz: Herod (Luke)

30 pieces of silver (Matt)

Annas (John)

repentant thief (Luke)

Father forgive them (Luke)

John = A "spiritual gospel"

Deepest insights not on surface

Can be tougher than Revelation

1. Scene B. Narrative Speed

Length of event vs.

Length of story

You can cover years in a sentence or paragraph

“Once upon a time”

You can take pages to describe the instance of an accident

From many angles

Three Passovers in John

[John 2:13](#)

[John 6:4](#)

[John 12:1](#)

6 months from baptism to temple = 2 ½ years

John 5? Unnamed feast

1st Full Year = 116 verses

2nd Full Year = 295 verses

Death and Resurrection = 293 verses

Narrative grinding to a halt in the latter part of John

Centrality of the cross

1. Scene C. The Days of John

One of John’s unique features

[John 1:19-23](#)

[John 1:28](#)

[John 1:35](#)

[John 1:43](#)

[John 2:1](#)

New Creation

Sabbath wedding

12 events on 29 days, covering 50 days out of presumed ministry of 1000 days

Only a small fraction of the story is told (cf. [21:25](#)).

Why so selective? **Theological purpose**

What is that theological purpose?

1. Scene D. Statement of Purpose

The purpose is clearly stated in [20:30-31](#) (hina w subj)

In order that:

You might believe

Jesus is the Messiah

The Son of God

You might have life (in His name)