

Books of the Book Series

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

22. *The Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John*

- Unique format because of the importance of the topic
 - Can't be handled fully verse by verse
 - Farewell Discourse makes coherent sense without HS texts
- We will examine theme throughout the Gospel
 - Special focus on chapter 14-16

22. Scene A. The Structure

- Eleven passages mention the Holy Spirit
 - 5 in first half of the book
 - Parenthetical, raise questions
 - 5 in Farewell Discourse
 - Deeper and more explicit teaching
 - One after the cross
 - Foreshadows Pentecost
- Three other mentions of "spirit"
 - Jesus' breath or inner consciousness

22. Scene B. The Background

- Earlier transfers of authority (Jordan River)
 - Moses and Joshua (Deut 32-34)
 - In John, Jesus = successor of Moses
 - Elijah and Elisha (2 Kings 2)
 - Elisha and Joshua are cognates in Hebrew
 - The Baptist and Jesus
 - Each has to go so successor could come with power
 - Jesus replaced by HS and disciples
- The OT and the Spirit
 - Came on prophets so they could speak God's word
 - Sign of the last days
 - Association with water
 - Isaiah: Association with future Messiah
- The meaning of Comforter/Counselor
 - para/kletos* = call/alongside

Called alongside to help someone
Defense attorney (aid in witness)
Comforter (orphans)

22. Scene C. First Half of Gospel (John 1-12)

John 1:32-33–

Identifies Messiah to Baptist (witness)

John 3:5-8–

Pre-requisite for entrance into kingdom
Major life change (unpredictable)

John 4:23-24–

Worship in the Spirit is universal
No more ethnic and geographical limitations

John 6:63–

Words of Jesus bring Spirit and life

John 7:37-39–

Getting more explicit here
Spirit and disciples become one

John 20:22–

Just before Thomas story
Breathes on disciples
Foretaste of Pentecost
After the cross

22. Scene D. The Farewell Discourse (John 14-16)

John 14:16-17–

HS available to those who obey (15,21) and pray (13-14)
“Another” Counselor, Comforter, Helper
Similarity, not distinction
Jesus is the real Comforter (orphans)
Spirit has two roles:
Provides divine presence (forever)
Takes place of Jesus

John 14:26-27–

Here the Counselor is called the “Holy Spirit”
Teaches them everything
Reminds of Jesus words (second generation)
Provides peace in the absence of Jesus

John 15:26-27–

Spirit of truth
Law court language (counselor)
Higher court

- Disciples witness to their experience with Jesus
- Sent by Father
- Context of vine (15:1-7)
 - Truth is life-changing, experiential
- John 16:7-11– Both comfort and law court themes
 - Comfort in relation to the world’s hatred
 - Conviction in three areas
 - Sin– to persecutors who think they are doing right
 - Sign of HS = sense of one’s defects
 - Righteousness– Intercession at Father’s right hand
 - We can balance of unworthy and confident
 - Judgment– liberation from Satan’s power and control
 - Earthly convictions will be overturned
- John 16:13-15–
 - Guide them into all truth
 - Focus on Jesus
 - Prophecy– reveal things to come

22. Scene E. John’s Theology of the Holy Spirit

- In John the Holy Spirit is all about Jesus
- Two main aspects to Spirit’s work
 - Primary role: For the disciples
 - Replace Jesus in the disciples experience
 - Their comforter, advocate, helper and friend
 - Many parallels between HS and Jesus
 - Truth, teacher, sent by Father, judge
 - Each speaks what He hears
 - Both “remain”
 - Both associated with “word” (6:63)
 - Second generation not at a disadvantage
 - Appropriate through the Word
 - Secondary role: For the hostile world
 - Convict of sin and call to repentance
 - Particularly its refusal to believe in Jesus
 - Bring awareness of righteousness
 - Jesus does both of these when on earth
 - HS an extension of Jesus’ work
- Spirit extends the presence of Jesus to second generation