

The Place of John in the New Testament

One of the four \_\_\_\_\_  
 One of the \_\_\_\_\_ books of the NT.  
 The \_\_\_\_\_ book of the NT.

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Portrait of Christ	King	Servant	Man	
Prominent Words	Fulfilled	Straightway, Immediately	Son of Man	
Written to	Jews	Romans	Greeks	
Emphasis	Words	Works	Humanity	
Outstanding sections	Sermons	Miracles	Details of birth & crucifixion	
Basic Characteristics	Historical	Historical	Historical	

Unique Characteristics of John

John emphasizes \_\_\_\_\_  
 John records only \_\_\_\_\_ miracles  
 John focuses on Judea rather than on \_\_\_\_\_  
 John emphasizes Jesus' own \_\_\_\_\_ concerning Himself  
 John is not trying to prove Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ so much as letting Jesus Christ prove His own \_\_\_\_\_

Interesting Facts about John's Gospel

“Christ” is used less than \_\_\_\_\_  
 “Jew” or “Jews” used over \_\_\_\_\_ times  
 “believe” used over \_\_\_\_\_ times. About \_\_\_\_\_ in other three Gospels  
 “faith” is used \_\_\_\_\_ times  
 “eternal life” used \_\_\_\_\_ times. \_\_\_\_\_ times in others

Author – John the Beloved Apostle. He taught Polycarp, who taught Ignatius. Ignatius wrote that Polycarp said John had written this Gospel

Date – AD 80-90. Oldest known copy of the Bible is a fragment of Gospel of John.

Dominant thoughts of the late First Century –

1. Gnosticism. Thought God was absolutely good and material was absolutely evil, so a good God would not have created matter, much less have a flesh & blood body. A chain of lesser deities descended from the highest God. Christ is the last and least of these deities. Two varieties of this heresy:
  - a. Christ did not have flesh & blood, He only seemed to.
  - b. Christ spirit came upon Jesus at His baptism and left Him at the cross.
2. Judaism believed salvation was only for the Jews.

Application

To make Jesus Christ more \_\_\_\_\_ to each of us and to cause us to \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ than ever before.