

Servants Prep Gospel Presentation

The purpose of the Gospel of St. John is to show that Jesus of Nazareth was Christ, the Son of God, and that those who believe in him may have eternal life. Even though he had the same goal as the other authors, he had a distinguished method to achieve it

AUDIENCE: The whole world

To all men lost and needing New Birth and Salvation

Ex: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

THEMES:

- Eternal Life in his name
- MAIN → Divine Logos: the Word that was with God and that was God, these logos became flesh and dwelt among men as Jesus of Nazareth. He focuses on Jesus being a human as well as divine. In this way, he conceives the relationship between Christ's divinity as well as his humanity.
- The 7 I am
- Water of Life - Christ is shown as having the power of water and the power to give living water
 - i.e Christ turns water into wine *John 2*
 - Christ's sermon on living waters at Jacob's well *John 4*
 - Christ heals a man at the Pool of Bethesda *John 5*
 - Christ walks on Water *John 6*
 - Christ offers living water during the feast of Tabernacles *John 7*
 - Christ heals the man born blind at the Pool of Siloam *John 9*
 - Christ washes the feet of the 12 *John 13*

UNIQUE ATTRIBUTES:

- Symbolism: Saint John mostly focused on two elements; SIGNS and I AM (he referred to the lord's glory) i.e. (examples of miracles):
 - Changing water into wine at Cana *John 2:1-11* → "*The first of the signs*"
 - Resulted in the disciples coming to deeper faith and it revealed Jesus first as the Son of God and then as the Messiah.
 - Feeding the 5000 *John 6:5-14*
 - Revealed Jesus as the actual creator of man's provisions and as a greater than Moses
 - "I AM" - St. John often starts by quoting Jesus' word, usually starting with *I AM*

→ ***The seven I am's***

- “*I am the bread of life*” John 6:35
- “*I am the light of the world*” John 8:12
- St. John devoted the second half of his gospel to the last week of Jesus' life
- St. John did not include any personal references in his book - only referring to himself as '*the beloved*'
- Only seven miracles recorded in his Gospel

BONUS - EVENTS (2)

1. Water into wine

- Christ attended the wedding to assure us that marriage was His own institution and that it is significant.
- This was important because later heresies said that marriage was from the devil. However, marriage is from God, while divorce is from the devil.
 - As well, people that don't commit to a relationship and devote their lives to God, whether in a monastery or in the world, are still committing to a marriage where Christ is the bridegroom.