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# How John develops themes

## John and theology

### The impact of the Dead Sea Scrolls on how we read John

### developed theology does not mean late

#### Jesus’ preexistence in Philippains 2:5-11

#### cf. also Matthew 11:25-27//Luke 10:21-22

### the death of Jesus

#### Jesus’ ‘hour’ 2:4; 7:30; 8:20; 5:25, 28; 12:23; 13:1; 17:1

#### overcoming Satan 14:30; 12:31

### Jewish festivals

#### Passover 2:13; 6:4; 11:52–19:42, esp. 19:14, 31 (19:36 cites Exodus 12:46; cf. 1:29, 36); cf. Exodus 11–13

#### Tabernacles (Sukkoth) chs 7–8, esp. 7:37-39; 8:12; 9:5; cf. Exodus 23:16; Leviticus 23:34-36, 39-43; Numbers 29:12-38; 31:10-13

#### Dedication (Hanukkah) 10:22-39, esp. 10:36; 1 Maccabees 4:56-59; 2 Maccabees 10:6-7

#### Jesus’ teaching discourses are linked to the festivals, and show how Jesus fulfills each festival

## John and Christology

### Jesus is sent by God/the Father to do work 4:34; 9:4; 17:1

#### to make God/God’s name known 1:18; 17:6, 26

#### to glorify God/the Father 13:31-32; 17:4

#### to bring life 3:16; 10:10; 17:2

#### to bear witness to the truth 3:32-33; 8:14; 18:36

#### to judge 5:22, 27; 8:15, 16; 9:39

### Jesus as Messiah 20:31

#### Χριστός ‘Christ’ 1:17, 20, 25, 41; 3:28; 4:25, 29; 7:26, 27, 31, 41, 42; 9:22; 10:24; 11:27; 12:34; 17:3; 20:31

#### Μεσσίας ‘Messiah’ 1:41; 4:25 (in each case explained as Χριστός)

#### king of Israel in trial 1:49; 6:15; 12:13, 15; 18:33, 37, 39; 19:3, 12, 14, 15, 19, 21

### son (of God)1:34, 49; 3:16, 17, 18, 35, 36; 5:19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26; 6:40; 8:36; 10:36; 11:4, 27; 14:13; 17:1, 12; 19:7; 20:31

### the son of man1:51; 3:13-14; 6:27-53; 5:27 Daniel 7:13-14); 8:28; 9:35; 12:33, 34; 13:31

### Jesus’ humanity

#### key statement 1:14 (cf. 6:51-59)

#### human attributes 4:6; 11:35; 19:28 cf. 4:7

#### his death is costly and a struggle 12:27; 10:11; 15:13

### Jesus as God 1:18; 20:28

## John and the Christian life

### Was there a Johannine ‘school’ or community?

#### Richard Bauckham *and others* arguing for wide Mediterranean audience for the Gospels

### (eternal) life1:4; 3:15, 16, 36; 4:14, 36; 5:21, 24, 29, 39, 40; 6:27, 33, 35, 40, 47, 48, 51, 53, 54, 63, 68; 8:12; 10:10, 11, 15, 17, 28; 11:25; 12:25, 50; 13:37, 38; 14:6; 17:2, 3; 20:31

### the Holy Spirit

#### Jesus and the Spirit 1:32-33; 3:34

#### the Spirit and believers 3:5, 6; 6:63; 7:39; 14:17, 26; 15:26; 16:13, 15; 20:22

#### *paraklētos* ‘Advocate’ 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7

### mission: ‘sending’ words

#### *apostellō*

##### John sent by God 1:6

##### Jesus sent by God 3:17, 34; 5:36, 38; 6:29, 57; 7:29; 8:42; 10:36; 11:42; 17:3, 8, 18, 21, 23, 25; 20:21 (‘the one who sent me’)

##### disciples sent by Jesus in same way 17:18

#### *pempō*

##### John sent by God 1:33

##### Jesus sent by God 4:34; 5:23, 24, 30, 37; 6:38, 39, 44; 7:16, 18, 28, 33; 8:16, 18, 26, 29; 9:4; 12:44, 45, 49; 13:20; 14:24; 15:21

##### disciples sent by Jesus 13:20; 20:21

##### the Spirit will be sent by Father in Jesus’ name 14:26or by Jesus from the Father 15:26; 16:7