

Handouts for John's Gospel

These are to guide your study and are in no way exhaustive. In other words, just knowing this will not be enough for the exam. You will need to be able to discuss and explain these things.

Lazarus

Two levels of meaning, referred to by Jesus, and used by John

Sleep/death

Death – physical spiritual

Rising from physical death, resurrection to eternal life

Lazarus – death -- rising

Jesus -- death -- rising

God's glory: in miracle of raising Lazarus in the resurrection of Jesus

Remember John is often working on two levels: what happens in the life of Jesus and what is happening in John's community (and our world, by extension)

Book of Glory

“hour” has come

“Lifting up” on cross / resurrection and ascension

The parts (or discourses) in the Last Discourse

A 13:31-14:31 farewell

B 15:1-16:4(a) encouragement in the face of hostility from the world

C 16:4(b)-33 consolation

D 17:1-26 (High)priestly Prayer

Eight elements to be found in the discourses

1. announces departure
2. question of where He is going
3. sorrow of followers

4. Paraclete mentioned
5. note of return
6. love of the Father
7. promise to fulfill wishes
8. predicts disciples fleeing

Three recurrent themes

1. love of Jesus
2. reward of love
3. hostility of the world

Another set of three themes

1. love
2. peace
3. unity

Relationships

Father and Son

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Ourselves and Jesus

Love Jesus by keeping His command

His command: love God, love neighbor as He loved us

Shown through suffering

(High)priestly Prayer of Jesus

Three sections:

1. Father
2. Disciples
3. Us

The Passion

The scene with Pilate:

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| A | outside | demand for death of Jesus |
| B | inside | Pilate and Jesus talk |

C	outside	innocence of Jesus stated
Center	inside	scourging and crowning with thorns as king
c	outside	innocence of Jesus
b	inside	Pilate and Jesus talk
a	outside	demand for death granted