

Outline of the Gospel of John:

Rich, Complex, Theologically profound Gospel! Yet
SIMPLE OUTLINE

- I. Prologue: (1:1-18)
- II. Book of Signs (1:19-12:50)
 - Wedding at Cana
 - Cure of Royal Official's Son
 - Cure of Paralytic
 - Multiplication of Loaves
 - Walking on Water
 - Healing of Man Born Blind
 - Raising of Lazarus
- III. Book of Glory (13:1-20:31)
 - The Last Supper
 - Passion and Death of Jesus
 - The Resurrection
- IV. The Epilogue: Appearances in Galilee.

John vs Synoptics

1. New characters in John:
 - Nicodemus,
 - Lazarus,
 - man born blind,
 - Samaritan woman
2. Jesus Attends 3 Passover feasts and makes several trips to Jerusalem
3. No mention of diabolic possessions
4. Jesus' teaching = long discourses not parables or pithy sayings.
5. Does not stress the KOG
6. Very POETIC / Stylistic language

Sources for John's Gospel

1. Collection of Miracles (signs source)
2. Some sort of passion and resurrection narrative.

Characteristics of John's Gospel:

1. Christology from Above:
 - basically the prologue
 - the word became flesh
2. Major Conflicts in John's Gospel
 - light of Christ vs darkness of world that refuses to acknowledge Jesus
 - Faith vs unbelief
 - Truth vs. untruth

Hence, the above issues reflect the situations and thoughts of the community the writer was living in.

- Jewish Christians expelled from synagogue: who did not join Jews in revolting against Rome
- Community settling in Ephesus (modern Turkey) consisting of Gentile Christians, Jewish Christian and Samaritan Christians.

Why Written? (Possible explanations)

1. To attempt to understand Jesus' full humanity and full divinity
2. To combat false ideas that John the Baptist was the messiah.