

The Gospel of John: An Outline

I. Introduction

A - Theological Prologue: Jesus is the Son of God, the Word made flesh (1:1-18)

B - Historical Introduction: The first disciples witness Jesus' power (1:19-51)

II. The Cana Cycle: Jesus' Initial Signs and Encounters

C - Water into Wine (2:1-12): Jesus is the abundant life-giver at God's Messianic banquet

D - Cleansing the Sacred Temple (2:13-22): Jesus is the temple and risen Lord

E - Jesus and Nicodemus (2:23-3:21): The Son of God and the New Birth

E* - John and His Disciples (3:22-36): The Son of God and the New Birth

D* - Woman at the Sacred Well (4:1-42): Jesus is the temple flowing with living water

C* - Healing the Official's Son (4:43-54): Jesus is the abundant life-giver to even the outsider

III. The Festival Cycle: Jesus' Continued Signs and Growing Conflicts

F - Sabbath: Healing the Invalid (5:1-47): The Son of God does the works of the Father

G - Passover: Feeding the 5000 (6:1-71): The new Moses who gives the true bread

H - Tabernacles: Living Water (7:1-8:59): Jesus is the true water from the rock

H* - Tabernacles: Light of the World (9:1-41): Jesus is the true pillar of fire

G* - The Good Shepherd (10:1-21): The new Moses who leads his sheep

F* - Hannukah: Jesus One with the Father (10:22-42): The Son of God is one with the Father

IV. Bridge: The Climactic Sign and the Coming of Jesus' Hour

I - Raising of Lazarus (11:1-54): Jesus is the Lord of life who loves his own

I* - Jesus Enters Jerusalem (11:55-12:50): Jesus is the Son of Man who will be lifted up

V. The Farewell Discourse: Jesus' Speak of His Hour

J - Washing the Disciples' Feet (13:1-35): The example of Jesus' love will unify the church

K - My Peace I Give to You (13:36-14:31): Another Helper will come

L - Abide in the Vine (15:1-17): Expect the Father's pruning, loving care

L* - If the World Hates You (15:18-16:4d): Expect persecution from the world

K* - In Me You May Have Peace (16:4e-33): Another Helper will come

J* - Jesus' Prayer (17:1-27): The Father's love will unify the church

VI. The Passion: The Drama of Jesus' Hour

M - Arrested in the Garden (18:1-11): the divine shepherd lays down his life for the sheep

N - Trial Before Annas (18:12-27): the great teacher is tried and denied

O - Trial Before Pilate (18:28-19:16b): the King of the Jews is sent out

O* - Crucifixion (19:16c-42): the King of the Jews is sacrificed

N* - The Empty Tomb (20:1-18): the great teacher is raised to life

M* - Appearances to the Disciples (20:19-29): the divine life-giving Lord imparts the Spirit

VII. Conclusion

B* - Historical Conclusion: Many signs witnessed by the disciples (20:30)

A* - Concluding Confession: Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (20:31)

VIII. Epilogue: The Risen Jesus Restores His Disciples (21:1-25)