

Gospel of John
(Introduction – Part 2)

3) What is the gospel of John?

-Date/Place of Origin:

- AD 80-90

- Ephesus

-Historical Views

- “The Gospel”

- Gnosticism

- “The Alogoi” (“against the word,” “against logic,” “witless ones”)

- Post-Reformation; Dead Sea Scrolls (1947)

- 20th century Literary Criticism

- The Moral and Spiritual Problem (John 3:19-21; 1 Cor. 1:18, 21; 2:14)

-Purpose

- Suggested Purposes: supplement the synoptics; defend John the Baptist; refute Cerinthus

- Stated Purpose: Evangelism/Edification (John 20:30, 31) See also 1 John 5:13

1) The Warrant of Faith: the written Word of God (vs. 30, 31a)

2) The Object of Faith: Christ as He is revealed in the written Word (v. 31b)

3) The Consequence of Faith: the possession of eternal life (v. 31c)

→Is John’s stated purpose for writing his gospel being realized in your life?