

READING THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Jesus completes, by his Death & Resurrection, what is lacking in Judaism: the Jews were, from the beginning (as when the rhetor was writing), incapable of accepting the world's Saviour, whereas the Greeks/the Gentiles were, at the last, ready to accept him and would do so, even, in very great number.

		1 The Lamb of God	2 The Bread of Life	3 The Light of the World	C The Gate/Good Shepherd; the Resurrection & the Life	3' The Way, the Truth & the Life	2' The True Vine	1' The Lamb of God		
		1.1-18/19-28/29-34: The Testimony of John	5.1-9b/9c-13/14-18: The Healing of an Invalid	7.2-13/14-36/37-52: Jesus teaches: the Christ?	10.1-5/6-18/19-21: Jesus will lay down his life	11.55-57/12.1-11/12-19: Passover Preparations/Entry	15.1-8/9-17/18-27: 'True Vine': Love & Hate	18.28-38a/38b-19.5/6-13: Jesus is taken to Pilate	A	
Part 1	1	1 The 'Word': the Light and Life	37 Feast of the Jews, Jerusalem	To go to Feast of Tabernacles?	Sheepfold: entering through gate	Passover near: purification	'I am the true vine'	Jesus to Pilate; Jews undefiled	A	A
	2	2 John: sent to give testimony	38 A pool, 5 porticoes: man - '38' yrs	He remains in Galilee	Gatekeeper opens for shepherd	'Will he come to the Feast?'	You are clean because of my word...	Outside: Jews want Jesus killed	B	A
	3	3 The 'Word' is Jesus Christ	39 Jesus: 'Rise, take... and walk.'	Goes secretly, Jews seek him	The sheep follow the shepherd	If he comes, he is to be arrested	'I am the vine, you are branches'	Inside: Pilate & Jesus: Kingdom talk	B'	A
2	1	4 John: not the 'Christ', 'nor Elijah'...	40 It was a Sabbath that day	Middle of Feast: Jesus teaches	'I am the Gate for the sheep'	6 days before Passover, a meal	'Keep my commandments'	Outside: no crime; release your king	A	B
	2	5 He baptizes in water	41 Jews ask man, 'Who healed..?'	Sabbath issue; 'the Christ'	'I am the Good Shepherd'	Judas critical of anointing	For their joy...; 'friends'	Jesus is flogged and mocked	B	B
	3	6 Baptizing beyond the Jordan	42 The man did not know	Where I go, 'Christ'? To Greeks?	'I am the Good Shepherd'	Jews - to kill Lazarus as well	Commandment: love one another	Jesus, in purple, is presented	B'	B
3	1	7 The next day, he sees Jesus	43 The man meets Jesus	Last Day of Feast: water and Spirit	A division among the Jews	Next day, crowd greets Jesus	The world's hate for them	'Crucify him! Crucify him!'	A	B'
	2	8 'Behold, the Lamb of God...'	44 He tells the Jews it was Jesus	Prophet?/Christ? From Galilee?	Many say he has a demon	He rides in on a donkey	As Jesus, so they will suffer	Inside: Pilate & Jesus: authority	B	B'
	3	9 He will baptize in Holy Spirit	45 Blasphemy: sought to kill him	Jesus not arrested; Nicodemus	Others say, no, he opens eyes	The witnesses to Lazarus spoke up	The Spirit, and they, will testify	To release? No friend of Caesar!	B'	B'
		1.3542/43-51/2.1-11: The First Disciples	5.19-30/31-40/41-47: Healing prompts Teaching	7.53-8.11/12-20/21-30: The Law/Jesus' Light	10.22-30/31-33/34-42: Jesus is threatened '123c321'	12.20-36/37-41/42-50: Greeks' Interest; 'the Hour'	16.1-15/16-24/25-33: More Comfort: Spirit's Work	19.14-27/28-37/38-42: Jesus is Crucified & Buried	A'	
4	1	Next day: 'the Lamb of God...'	He does what the Father does	From Mt of Olives to temple	Feast of Dedication, Jerusalem	Greeks to see Jesus: hour come	They will face troubles	'Prep. Day', at 6: 'Away with him'	A	A
	2	Two follow and stay with Jesus	Father/Son: the dead will live	A woman caught in adultery:	Are you the Christ?	Voice from heaven for their sake	His going, the Spirit will come	Crucified as 'King of the Jews'	B	A
	3	Andrew/Simon: Messiah/Christ	Father/Son: life and judgement	She is not stoned/condemned	His 'sheep' - do not believe	Going away, Jesus hides	The Spirit will guide them	Mother and beloved disciple	B'	A
5	1	Next day: Philip & Nathanael	The issue is 'testimony'	'I am the Light of the World' and sin	Jews want to stone him	They did not believe Isaiah	A little while, not see/will see	'I thirst!' 'It is finished!'	A	B
	2	Jesus knows Nathanael:	Greater than John's	Testimony and judgement	Jesus wants to know why?	'They could not believe,' Isaiah	They will weep, the world will rejoice	They break legs; Jesus is speared	B	B
	3	'Son of God, King of Israel'	The Scriptures testify	No arrest, his hour - not yet	For his blasphemy	Isaiah had seen Jesus' glory	They will grieve, but will rejoice	A testimony: to blood and water	B'	B
6	1	(6 th part) Third day: wedding at Cana	I do not accept glory from men	'I am', in sin you die; Where I go...	Jesus speaks from their law	Many believed, feared put out...	He will speak plainly of Father	Joseph asks Pilate for the body	A	B'
	2	Mother there; '6' jars water to wine	They: glory from each other	Much to judge/as Father	They sought to arrest him	Believers: light, judge/save	Son from the Father; they believe	Nicodemus assists with the burial	B	B'
	3	First Sign: disciples believe	Their accuser is Moses	Many believed in him	He crosses Jordan/John baptizing	Rejecters: judged on last day	Peace for them; he conquers	Jesus is laid in a garden, a new tomb	B'	B'
		2.12-25/3.1-21/22-36: In Jerusalem & Judea	6.1-15/16-21/22-34: Food for Eternal Life	8.31-41/42-47/48-59: Jesus with 'believing' Jews	11.1-10/11-17/18-29: Lazarus dies	13.1-20/21-30/31-38: A Servant, Betrayal & Denial	17.1-8/9-19/20-26: Jesus' Prayer for his Own	20.1-13/14-29/30-31: Risen, Jesus' Appearances	A	
7	1	In Capernaum, mother and brothers	Jesus on mountain with crowd	'The truth will set you free.'	Lazarus, Martha and Mary	Before Passover, he washes feet	Asks to be glorified: life eternal	First Day of Week: no body!	A	A
	2	Passover near: clears temple	Passover near: food needed	'Seed of Abraham' - to kill him	Lazarus ill, they stay 2 days	Peter resists at first	To know God and Jesus Christ	Mary M tells Peter and another	B	A
	3	At Passover: many believed	Feeds 5,000, goes to mountain	'Our father is Abraham/is God'	To Judea again/'12' hours in a day?	Foot washing: example. 'I am'	Jesus has made God known	Seeing they return, Mary M stays	B'	A
8	1	Nicodemus, by night: Kingdom	Disciples: boat to Capernaum	God: not their Father	Lazarus - 'fallen asleep'	One of them is a betrayer	Asks for his disciples	Jesus appears - gardener? No!	A	B
	2	Being born of water and spirit	Jesus walks on the sea	The Devil: their Father	Lazarus - 'dead'; Thomas - 'all die'	Beloved disciple asks, 'Who?'	For their protection and joy	Evening, to disciples - the Spirit	B	B
	3	The Son: to save the world	'I am'; they reach land	They are not of God	Arriving: Lazarus 4 days in tomb	Judas leaves; it was night	Protected from the evil one	Week later, disciples & Thomas	B'	B
9	1	In Judea: Jesus baptizing	Next day, crowd to Capernaum	You: a Samaritan; have a demon?	Martha goes to meet Jesus	'The Son of Man is glorified'	Asks for all believers: their unity	Many signs Jesus did	A	B'
	2	John content: less, Jesus more	The people are confounded	Abraham glad to see my day	'I am the Resurrection and the Life'	'Where I go...' (see 7.2-8.30)	They may be with him, see glory	Not written in this book	B	B'
	3	The one of earth, one from above	Bread/life for the world	Before Abraham: I am	She returns to Mary; Mary goes	Peter is willing: he will deny 3x	Love in them, and Jesus too	But these are written so you believe	B'	B'
		4.1-26/27-42/43-54: Through Samaria to Galilee	6.35-51/52-59/60-7.1: The 'Bread of Life'	9.1-13/14-23/24-41: The Healing of a Blind Man	11.30-38a/38b-44/45-54: He is raised; Sanhedrin meets	14.1-14/15-24/25-31: Comfort: 'Way, Truth & Life'	18.1-11/12-18/19-27: Betrayal, Arrest & Denial	21.1-8/9-19a/19b-25: Jesus Appears in Galilee	A'	
10	1	Galilee via Samaria: a well at '6'	'I am the bread of life'; none lost	A man blind from birth sinned?	Jesus not yet there, Mary speaks	'I am the Way, Truth, Life'	A garden: Judas comes for him	Jesus appears - Sea of Tiberias	A	A
	2	A woman is asked for a drink	Jews complain	Washes in pool and sees	Weeping: Mary, Jews and Jesus	Seen the Son, seen the Father	'I am': they fell back	At night, '7' had caught nothing	B	A
	3	Messiah/the Christ: 'I am'	Jesus answers complaint: life	Neighbours confounded	Jesus comes to the tomb	Greater works will they do	'I am'; none lost (6.39); sword	Miracle catch! 'It is the Lord'	B'	A
11	1	Disciples arrive; woman goes	Jews disputed	A Sabbath: Jews question him	'Take away the stone'	Commandments, help of Spirit	Jesus is taken away	(83 rd part) Peter hauls in '153' fish	A	B
	2	'My food', speaks Jesus; Harvest	Eating and drinking: life/live forever	Jews question his parents	Jesus prays for people's belief	'You will see me again...'	Peter and another follow	Jesus invites them to breakfast	B	B
	3	Jesus: 'Saviour of the world'	Said in Capernaum/synagogue	Parents say, 'Ask him' for fear	'Lazarus, come out!' He comes.	He will show himself to them	Peter denies Jesus, at coal fire	After: Peter is 3x commissioned	B'	B
12	1	Jesus: in Galilee, in Cana, an	Teaching 'difficult'	The man is put out	Many believed: Sanhedrin meets	The Holy Spirit will teach/inform	High Priest questions Jesus	Peter asks re. beloved disciple	A	B'
	2	Official's son is healed at the 7 th hour	Many disciples went away	He worships Jesus	Jesus must die for the nation...	'Peace I leave with you'	Jesus: hit, not spoken wrongly	Jesus tells of wish for them both	B	B'
	3	This healing: a Second Sign	Jesus goes too; Jews to kill him	Blind? The Pharisees?	They will kill him; Jesus departs	'The ruler of this world comes...'	Peter denies two more times	Beloved disciple - testifying	B'	B'
		A: Jesus: 'the Life & Light'	B: Jesus: 'the Life'	B': Jesus: 'the Light'	X: Jesus is to die for his own who live through him	A: Passover, Part 1	B: Passover, Part 2	B': Passover, Part 3		
Complication: Jesus is to be the Rejected Life & Light of God in the World					Turning Point: Jesus is to be Killed	Dénouement: Jesus Dies. Yet is Raised from the Dead & Appears Again!				

THE 'PROLOGUE' TO THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, 1.1-18 (1.1-18, in my reading, is the opening piece of the Gospel's first section.)

PART A

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος,
 καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν,
 καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος.²
 οὗτος ἦν ἐν ἀρχῇ πρὸς τὸν θεόν.
 πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο,
 καὶ χωρὶς αὐτοῦ,
 ἐγένετο οὐδὲ ἓν,
 ὃ γέγονεν.⁴
 ἐν αὐτῷ ζωὴ ἦν
 καὶ ἡ ζωὴ
 ἦν τὸ φῶς.⁵
 καὶ τὸ φῶς
 ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ
 φαίνει,
 καὶ ἡ σκοτία
 αὐτὸ
 οὐ κατέλαβεν.

PART B

Ἐγένετο ἄνθρωπος
 ἀπεσταλμένος παρὰ θεοῦ,
 ὄνομα αὐτῷ Ἰωάννης.⁷
 οὗτος ἦλθεν εἰς μαρτυρίαν,
 ἵνα μαρτυρήσῃ περὶ τοῦ φωτός,
 ἵνα πάντες πιστεύσωσιν δι' αὐτοῦ.⁸
 οὐκ ἦν ἐκεῖνος τὸ φῶς,
 ἀλλ' ἵνα μαρτυρήσῃ
 περὶ τοῦ φωτός.⁹
 Ἦν τὸ φῶς τὸ ἀληθινόν,
 ὃ φωτίζει πάντα ἄνθρωπον,
 ἐρχόμενον εἰς τὸν κόσμον.
 ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ἦν,
 καὶ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο,
 καὶ ὁ κόσμος αὐτὸν οὐκ ἔγνω.¹¹
 εἰς τὰ ἴδια ἦλθεν,
 καὶ οἱ ἴδιοι
 αὐτὸν οὐ παρέλαβον.¹²
 ὅσοι δὲ ἔλαβον αὐτόν,
 ἔδωκεν αὐτοῖς ἐξουσίαν
 τέκνα θεοῦ γενέσθαι,
 τοῖς πιστεύουσιν εἰς τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ,¹³
 οἳ οὐκ ἐξ αἱμάτων
 οὐδὲ ἐκ θελήματος σαρκὸς
 οὐδὲ ἐκ θελήματος ἀνδρῶς
 ἀλλ' ἐκ θεοῦ
 ἐγεννήθησαν.

PART B'

Καὶ ὁ λόγος
 σὰρξ ἐγένετο
 καὶ ἐσκήνωσεν ἐν ἡμῖν,
 καὶ ἐθεασάμεθα τὴν δόξαν αὐτοῦ,
 δόξαν ὡς μονογενοῦς
 παρὰ πατρός,
 πλήρης χάριτος καὶ ἀληθείας.
 Ἰωάννης μαρτυρεῖ περὶ αὐτοῦ
 καὶ κέκραγεν,
 λέγων,
 Οὗτος ἦν ὃν εἶπον,
 Ὁ ὀπίσω μου ἐρχόμενος
 ἔμπροσθέν μου γέγονεν,
 ὅτι πρῶτός μου ἦν.¹⁶
 ὅτι ἐκ τοῦ πληρώματος αὐτοῦ ἡμεῖς πάντες ἐλάβομεν,
 καὶ χάριν
 ἀντὶ χάριτος.¹⁷
 ὅτι ὁ νόμος
 διὰ Μωϋσέως
 ἐδόθη,
 ἡ χάρις καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια
 διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ
 ἐγένετο.¹⁸
 θεὸν
 οὐδεὶς ἑώρακεν
 πώποτε·
 μονογενὴς θεὸς
 ὃ ὢν εἰς τὸν κόλπον τοῦ πατρὸς
 ἐκεῖνος ἐξηγήσατο.

To each part, there are similarly three sub-parts, or pieces. The writing style can be described as a 'three-part writing style', where the first part - A - is the introductory part, the second part - B - is the first development and the third part - B' - is the second and concluding development. Parts B and B' are consistently in parallel and may be described as 'dualities'. All the N.T. writers have written in this way.