

Chapter 1 : Preaching the Gospel of John by John F. O'Grady

The Gospel of John lifts Jesus up as coming from God, being full of God, and speaking and ruling as God.

Disclaimer No claims of absolute originality are made for this material. As one man said, "I milk a lot of cows, but I churn my own butter. Transformed by all the decorations, it no longer contained to power to play the notes that would call the sheep. What a picture of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Men have added so many trappings and so much decoration to what was simple and effective plan that they have stripped the Gospel of its power to save the soul. Many feel that you have to embellish the gospel so that it is a little harder to get in. Others want to doctor the doctrine just a little to make it more appealing to the hearers. All the clever inventions of men can never improve on a Gospel that was perfect from the beginning. If there has ever been a need for preaching that was Biblical and gun barrel straight, it is today, the day in which we live. For us to be able to fully understand exactly what the gospel is, I feel that we must return to the source of the gospel. In this one, simple verse, the Lord Jesus declares the gospel in a clear and easy to understand manner. I want us to look one more time at being Simply Saved. Before it can be believed, the Gospel must be heard. Not just external hearing, but a hearing with the heart! That is the work of the Spirit of God, Eph. It needs to be kept simple! Believeth Hearing must be taken a step further and put into action, by believing the message delivered. Not a casual ascent to the facts - James 2: This is a conviction that makes the lost sinner realize that every word concerning Jesus is true; that he stands in need of help; that Jesus is the only way! It is the response of faith to the call of God - John 6: By believing in Jesus, one believes in the Father. Have you taken this step? The saved are not waiting to be saved, we are saved! It is an ongoing thing, but it is as good as done! It will never be changed or done away with! From death to life! From dead works to living works - Eph. It makes dead people live, Gal. It Preserves The Saved - 1 Pet. It Protects The Saved - Ill. We are protected from Hell, and from judgment! Are you saved today? Have you cast yourself on Jesus by faith on Jesus and His saving grace alone? Do you know why? It is the Lord that has brought such things to your mind. He is calling you and He wants you to bow to His will. Come today and be saved from your sins.

Chapter 2 : Preaching the Gospel of John Paper - Lamar Williamson Jr. : Westminster John Knox Press

8 Bruce McLarty - Preaching from the Gospel of John - Sermon Seminar Austin Graduate School of Theology Preaching From the Gospel of John Session 3 - One Preacher's Experience in Preaching John's Gospel For fourteen years, between and , I preached for the College Church of Christ in Searcy, Arkansas.

Then, and only then, preach the gospel to them. And I understand that in most cases, it would not be a good idea to jump up onto the table and start proclaiming a blistering bible message. We just watch the game stroll by and we pat each other on the back, and pride ourselves in how close they got to us without getting spooked. In China today, there are 27, people coming to Jesus every day. One of the underground church networks I have read about has started more than 60 bible schools throughout China as of They have sent out more missionaries than all the other church networks combined. Several of the networks of churches in China are well over or close to ten million people. China has the largest church in the history of the world. The Chinese martyrs who ended up being the seeds that produced the revival we see today, were bold in their preaching of the gospel, and they paid with their lives. What happened to the most simple form of preaching the gospel? I want to share several things I believe have contributed to this negative phenomena. My amazing mentor Michael Brodeur, who teaches a class called The Theology of Transformation once said so eloquently: The reaching of souls depends on the reaching of spheres. In saying that it only makes sense to save souls instead of saving spheres, we essentially divided the gospel. We created a false dichotomy. Famous as the founders of the largest non-profit organization in the world, The Salvation Army, they had an unquenchable passion for saving souls. However, unknown to many, they were also trailblazers in things like rescuing young girls from sex slavery, reforming life-threatening work conditions in factories, and bravely standing up to the injustices of their time. Fast forward to today. Now it would not be uncommon to meet people who would say that their drilling of wells in Africa is in itself preaching the gospel. Drilling wells in Africa is not preaching the gospel. Preaching the gospel is actually opening your mouth and preaching the gospel. I love this teaching, and I believe it has been very helpful for the body. Thank you, Loren Cunningham and Bill Bright! God cares about politics, economy, societal transformation and reform, clean water, safety, infrastructure etc. However, the 7 Mountains teaching was never intended to cause people to just sit back and relax, when it comes to preaching the gospel. God has delighted Himself in allowing us to be involved in the transformation. I found that I was a lot more comfortable with getting people healed, or giving them a prophetic word, than preaching the gospel and leading them to Jesus.

Chapter 3 : Sermons and Outlines

Preaching the Gospel of John grew out of the author's desire to assist preachers on the occasions in which the Gospel of John is used in the lectionary cycle, especially the difficulties often encountered in preaching on the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John over the course of five consecutive Sundays in liturgical year B.

To accomplish his purpose the apostle selects some of those things in the life and work of Christ that exhibit most clearly his true character and mission. The essential glory of Christ, 1: All else in the book is rooted in and grows out of this prologue. His pre-incarnate glory, As the Word of God, 1. As the Creator of the universe, As the Light of men, His incarnate glory, As the Saviour of men, As the Revealer of God, The early testimony to Christ, 1: Of John the Baptist, To the deputation from Jerusalem, To the people, Of the first disciples, In Cana of Galilee, 3: The cleansing of the temple, 2: The conversation with Nicodemus, 3: The growing conflict between Christ and the rulers, 5: This section contains the record of controversies, conflicts, and discourses. The entire section centers in the following events: The healing of the disabled man, 5: The reaction of the Jews, The discourse of Jesus, The feeding of the and walking on the water, 6: The effect on the hearers, The Feast of Tabernacles, 7: The departure for the feast, 7: The woman taken in adultery, 7: The healing of the blind man, 9: The man and his neighbors, 9: The man and the Pharisees, 9: The man and Jesus, 9: Jesus and the Pharisees, The Feast of Dedication, The raising of Lazarus, Three incidents are recounted vv. The manifestations of faith, On the part of Mary, On the part of the multitudes, On the part of the Greeks, The explanation of unbelief, The underlying reason for it, as given by the evangelist, The deeper implications of it, as given by Jesus,

Chapter 4 : John - Textual Sermons (Executable Outlines)

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He was my friend and mentor. He had a special way of revealing his love by the very way he called a name. He loved his Lord supremely and loved his family, friends, students, and colleagues with sincerity and depth. We loved him and we miss him. I thank God for allowing my path to cross that of Huber Drumwright. My life is better because of fellowship with him. The Gospel of John offers the preacher a vast treasury from which to choose the jewels of sermon texts. Yates, distinguished Southern Baptist professor and pastor, says: Broadman Press, , vii. Stevenson, *The Fourth Witness*. A Bethany Bible Course, ed. Bethany Press, , 3. Zondervan Publishing House, , 7. Christians love the Gospel of John because of its beauty, clarity, depth, and power. They regard its message, though written almost two thousand years ago, as one which has abiding value and relevance. This is true for a number of reasons. Hunter, *According to John*: Westminster Press, , First, John offers life to the believer in Christ; it is the Gospel of Life. Second, it provides an in-depth view of the person and work of Christ. Earle Ellis, *The World of St. John*. For one thing, John gives assurance to our age, which is marked especially by insecurity. Also, John gives the church guidance concerning Christian unity. Yet, in many ways the book remains a mystery and the shaping of sermons from it can be difficult. The concept of the logos in chapter one 1: The Gospel of John: In the same verses, John asks us to think about the time before anything existed, and then says the Word already was there. Other passages also require great skill with language to communicate their meaning. The unity of Christ with the Father as expressed in John 17 is no simple matter to understand or explain to others. On the other hand, Jesus as a sacrificial lamb 1: At times, these and other familiar passages may cause the preacher to hesitate, for fear that all who listen already know everything which could be said about the text, or have heard it several times. Why John, when the New Testament contains four gospels? For one thing, the Gospel of John is a distinctive gospel; it contains material the other gospel writers do not include. The style of Jesus is different in John. Also, the Fourth Gospel has a different arrangement. Moody Smith, *John, Proclamation Commentaries*, 2d ed. Fortress Press, , These distinctives of John offer the preacher good material for sermons. The whole of the Gospel provides the preacher an amazing range of possibilities for preaching a sermon or a series of sermons. This kind of sermon may be done several ways. Broadman Press, , 42ff. With this title, the sermon outline should suggest answers to the question. After preaching a book sermon, the preacher should be prepared to develop a series along the line of direction taken in the initial sermon. A sermon on Whatever the decision about a thematic sermon, the goal of the first sermon of a series should be to provide listeners an overview of the entire book. Choices for setting the tone for the series may range from a central verse to a central event to a central person. John presents an opportunity to select any one of these with equal confidence. While the Bible book sermon is an effective way to preach, it is difficult to prepare. Series The introductory book sermon leads naturally to serial preaching, a program of continuous exposition of verses, passages, and chapters. The preacher usually begins at chapter one, verse one, and carefully explains, illustrates, and applies the contents of the entire book. This is an effective way to teach a Bible book. The minister who follows this plan should state clearly at the beginning of each sermon how the verse or passage for that sermon relates to the series and to the whole book. Careful planning is required in order not to ramble or extend the series over too many weeks or months. Preparation may include the construction of an outline of the entire book and a review of the outline before each sermon to check progress. Alternatives to verse-by-verse exposition of a book include series highlighting certain characters, events, texts, or doctrines in the gospel. Selecting one of these plans limits the scope of the series. People are interested in other people, and have a particular interest in biblical characters. Capitalize on that interest by introducing your listeners to the personalities of John. The central character of the gospel is Jesus Christ. John does not begin with the birth of Christ and the events which followed immediately, as do Matthew and Luke. Instead, he begins with the pre-incarnate existence of Christ and his early ministry in Jerusalem. Since the gospel is the story of Jesus, the preacher may wish to do an entire series on him. The first

person to appear in the gospel, after Jesus, is John the Baptist 1: His ministry was dramatic and effective, so much so that he could have claimed to be the Messiah himself. Yet, John pointed others to Jesus and minimized his own importance by comparison to that of the true Messiah. From the Baptist, Christians may learn the lessons of bearing witness to the Son of God and the importance of humble service. Other characters whom we meet on the pages of the Gospel of John include Andrew 1: Though he does not give a complete biography on any of these, John gives enough information that the reader may know something about the personality of each one. An interesting variation of the character sermon, which still introduces persons, is the interview sermon. John tells of several meetings between Jesus and well-known people. The fourth chapter is devoted, almost completely, to the encounter of Jesus with the woman at the well 4: Chapter eight recounts the drama of the woman caught in the act of adultery 8: In the story of the death of Lazarus, found in chapter eleven, John tells of the discussions Jesus held with Martha One of the most dramatic scenes in John takes place at the Last Supper when Jesus confronts Judas Later, the question posed to Jesus by Thomas prompts one of the most famous sayings of Christ A passage more descriptive of the personality of Thomas is found in chapter twenty, following the resurrection. Jesus appeared to him and invited him to see and touch. In all the gospels the declaration of Thomas which followed The first is the one between Jesus and Nicodemus 3: The dialogue moves quickly and the emotion is intense. Puzzled by such a remark, Nicodemus asks how a second birth can take place. His question is echoed by persons in every generation. A sermon retelling the verbal exchange between Jesus and Nicodemus may ask: The other interview is with Peter on the seashore following the resurrection The drama reaches a fever pitch as Jesus asks Simon Peter: The turning of the water into wine at a wedding in Cana 2: The healing of the lame man at the pool of Bethesda 5: See Lloyd Bailey and Victor Furnish, eds. Abingdon, , ; and David W. Favorite verses or texts suggest good possibilities for a sermon series. When asked to recite verses they love most, Christians often quote from John. The series could begin with John 3: Moody Press, , Other passages for the series could include: The Gospel of John is a sourcebook for the study of some vital doctrines. The pre-existence of Christ 1: Others include worship 4: Among the gospel writers, John alone records the words of Jesus about the Holy Spirit. These are the words of the Master himself and appear in

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Then, and only then, preach the gospel to them." Actually he told them to preach the gospel, heal the sick, cleanse lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Matthew It's dumb for us to do everything that helps us spread the gospel, but never actually preach the gospel.

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The purpose of John in writing his Gospel is clearly stated in [20] To accomplish his purpose the apostle selects some of those things in the life and work of Christ that exhibit most clearly his true character and mission.

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