

Exploring The Gospel Of John John Phillips Commentary Series The John Phillips Commentary Series

It has been the fate of many books on John to be left unfinished, for its interpretation naturally forms the crowning of a lifetime. I have myself been intending to write a book on the Fourth Gospel since the 'fifties, before I broke off (reluctantly) to be Bishop of Woolwich, though I am grateful now that I did not produce it prematurely at that time. It means however that I shall be compelled to refer to and often recapitulate material directly or indirectly related to the Johannine literature, which I have written over the years (some of it indeed while I was bishop). Many scholars in fact, if not most now, think that the author of the Gospel himself never lived to finish it and have seen the work as the product of numerous hands and redactors. As will become clear, I prefer to believe that the ancient testimony of the church is correct that John wrote it 'while still in the body' and that its roughnesses, self-corrections and failures of connection, real or imagined, are the result of its not having been smoothly or finally edited. If so I am in good company. At any rate who could wish for a better last testimony from his friends than that 'his witness is true' (John 21.24)? In other words, he got it right--historically and theologically. --from the Introduction At the time of his death in December 1983, John Robinson had completed the text of the book on which his 1984 Bampton lectures were to be based, so that it is possible to see the full details of his extremely controversial argument that the Gospel of John was the first Gospel to be written. Dr. Robinson himself once described the dawning of his conviction that this was the case as a 'Damascus Road experience', and his presentation of the evidence is made with all the customary vigor with which he would argue for something in which he deeply believed. The objections which need to be overcome to stand on its head what has long been one of the fundamental assumptions of New Testament scholarship are substantial, but here once again Dr. Robinson shows that so much of what is taken as established fact in that area is no more than preference and presumption. Certainly he will provoke rethinking on a whole series of topics, from the chronology of Jesus' ministry to the nature of his teaching. As The Listener said of the equally controversial Redating the New Testament: The greatest pleasure Dr. Robinson gives is purely intellectual. His book is a prodigious virtuoso exercise in inductive reasoning and an object lesson in the nature of historical argument and historical knowledge. This sequel equals, if not excels, its predecessor in those respects and is a fitting tribute to a brilliant New Testament scholar. The manuscript was prepared for publication by Dr. Chip Coakley, Dr Robinson's pupil, now Lecturer in Religious Studies in the University of Lancaster.

This study builds upon recent scholarship exploring the significance of the Old Testament covenant metaphor in the Johannine writings. By examining the Gospel of John as a whole through a narrative lens and focusing on several key dialogues, the author sheds light on the dialogical nature of the revelatory process and the central role of covenant for the Fourth Evangelist. Also incorporating recent scholarship that suggests the evangelist understood himself to be writing Scripture based upon fulfillment language present in summary statements across the Gospel, and demonstrating a relationship between the Fourth Gospel and ancient drama that renders speech as action, this work attempts to construct a new paradigm for reading John against the background of the Old Testament covenant metaphor. The claim is twofold: the Johannine story of Jesus Christ is a carefully crafted literary treatise theologically underpinned by discourse on covenant and Scripture, and the Fourth Evangelist provides catechesis to a believing community on the nature of its faith in the God of Israel's ongoing covenant with the created order. By grasping the theological fabric of the evangelist, the richness of the dialogue and imagery of his Gospel is allowed to have its full voice in terms of covenant fulfillment and the ongoing commitment of God to a believing people.

Teaching Chapter by Chapter through The Gospel of John 1,2, and 3 John and the Book of Revelation

Almost from the earliest days of the church, John's distinctive presentation of Jesus has provoked discussion about its place among the other Gospels. One cannot help but see the differences from the Synoptics and wonder about the origins and character of John. In this new volume in the New Testament Library series, Marianne Meye Thompson explores the ministry and significance of Jesus of Nazareth as presented in the Gospel of John, paying special attention to the social, cultural, and historical contexts that produced it. John's Gospel, Thompson posits, is the product of a social-cultural world whose language, commitments, and contours must be investigated in order to read John's narrative well. In doing so, Thompson studies the narrative, structure, central themes, and theological and rhetorical arguments found in the Fourth Gospel. Thompson's expert commentary unpacks and illuminates John's unique witness to Jesus—“who he was, what he did, and what that means. The New Testament Library series offers authoritative commentary on every book and major aspect of the New Testament, providing fresh translations based on the best available ancient manuscripts, critical portrayals of the historical world in which the books were created, careful attention to their literary design, and a theologically perceptive exposition of the biblical text. The contributors are scholars of international standing. The editorial board consists of C. Clifton Black, Princeton Theological Seminary; M. Eugene Boring, Brite Divinity School; and John T. Carroll, Union Presbyterian Seminary.

This book is a cry from the heart, asking our people to rebuild the Church and the Nation. Both Church and Nation are interwoven, so must be dealt with together, since they involve the same people.

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This commentary brings to life John's ultimate purpose for his gospel: that his readers will believe the life and death of the Son of God and receive eternal life. Part of the 21st Century Premillennial New Testament Commentary Series.

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The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. This writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they “may have life in his name.” Adults, youth, and children alike can experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal in Adam Hamilton’s six-week, DVD-series, John: The Gospel of Light and Life. You’ll follow the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Gospel of John and understand the context of some of the best-known verses in the New Testament. Everything you need to lead small groups of all ages is available for this special study including the entire Gospel of John in the CEB translation printed in the book.

Explore the entire New Testament in greater depth! This complete set of New Testament commentaries from the pen of expositor John Phillips is known for its rich exposition, sound doctrine, and practical application.

Captures John's unique perspective and voice in the wider field of Jesus studies In this volume Stanley Porter tackles a variety of important and often highly contentious topics within the Gospel of John as a means of defining and capturing the distinctive Johannine voice. Subjects discussed include John in relation to competing Gospels, the public proclamation of Jesus in John, the sources of John's Gospel, John's prologue, the "I Am" sayings, the notion of truth, the Passover theme, and the ending of the book. Each chapter, besides surveying representative research, puts forward new and insightful proposals regarding the topics concerned. Porter does not shy away from matters that have often perplexed Johannine scholars, and he confronts

some of the viewpoints that have led to confusion in the field. In exploring John's unique perspective and voice, Porter makes a significant contribution to the wider fields of Jesus studies and New Testament investigation.

Valuable tools for study or scholarship. Taking a telescopic view of the Bible, Exploring the Old Testament Book by Book and Exploring the New Testament Book by Book enable readers to see the big picture behind this Book of books, to see how the various parts of Scripture relate to one another. These volumes from gifted expositor John Phillips teaches the importance of taking a few steps back from Scripture in order to gain fresh insight into the message, meaning, and art of the Bible.

John's Gospel has traditionally been regarded as the least apocalyptic document in the New Testament. This exciting new collection redresses the balance by exploring the ways in which the apocalyptic literature of Second Temple Judaism has contributed to the theology and outlook of John's Gospel. Given that John, like the Jewish apocalyptic texts, is primarily concerned with the theme of revelation, the contributors examine how apocalyptic ideas can help to explain the Johannine portrayal of Jesus as the messenger sent from heaven to reveal the divine mysteries, as well as the Gospel's presentation of the activity of the Spirit, its understanding of evil, and the intended effects of this 'apocalypse in reverse' on its readers and hearers. The highly distinguished contributors include, John Ashton, Christopher Rowland, April DeConick, Judith Lieu and Jorg Frey.

A study of the Jewish people in history and prophecy. The author is uniquely qualified to present facts about the rebirth of the state of Israel, having been stationed there during the years leading up to Israel's becoming a sovereign state.

Exploring the Gospel of John An Expository Commentary Kregel Academic

10-Minute Moments: The Basics will help students in their spiritual journey, whether they're new followers of Jesus or have been Christ-followers for years. The truths in this book aren't called "basic" because they're childish or simplistic; they're "basic" because they're foundational and essential to leading a life that honors God. Teenagers will discover a fresh understanding about God from the Gospel of John, one of the clearest and most-read books of the Bible. They'll explore the fundamental beliefs and teachings of Jesus, and they'll encounter a deeper of everything God has done for us. Each day's reading only takes about 10 minutes a great step toward building a personal habit of daily time with God. This engaging book is a daily devotional that's set up as a journal. Students read a Bible passage, chew on a few questions, consider some suggestions for prayer topics, and then write down their thoughts in their book or engage in an experiential idea based on that day's theme. It's a one-month plan that's easy to read and easy to stick with.

In this student-friendly introduction to the Gospel of John, Ruth B. Edwards illuminates the biblical text's content, interpretation, and historical reception. What is the purpose of John's Gospel? How does John relate to the religious thought of its day? What is distinctive about its message? How does it speak to our world today? Is it anti-Semitic? Edwards expertly guides readers through such questions, helping those interested in this provocative, sometimes enigmatic Gospel to discover the answers for themselves. (Back cover).

This study guide is a practical aid to discover the deep truths in the Gospel of John. In simple, clear language, John emphasizes belief in Christ and life through Him.

This commentary seeks above all to explain the text of John's Gospel to those whose privilege and responsibility it is to minister the Word of God to others, to preach and to lead Bible studies. I have tried to include the kind of information they need to know, but to do so in such a way that the informed layperson could also use the work in personal study of the Bible, exclusively for purposes of personal growth in edification and understanding. In particular, I have attempted: (1) To make clear the flow of the text. (2) To engage a small but representative part of the massive secondary literature on John. (3) To draw a few lines towards establishing how the Fourth Gospel contributes to biblical and systematic theology. (4) To offer a consistent exposition of John's Gospel as an evangelistic Gospel. - Preface.

The Gospel of John offers a unique understanding of Jesus Christ. A Gospel of a Different Color explores similarities, omissions, and additions to the stories of Jesus. Each section includes reflection questions for small group leaders and preachers.

The God We Can Know is a 7-week study designed for the entire congregation to explore the "I Am" sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Perfect for Lent or any time of year, this series will help you find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, "Who do you say I am?" One by one, Jesus' statements grab our imagination, reveal more about his identity and purpose, and connect us to the God of Moses, who spoke the first "I Am." These significant yet ordinary images (bread, light, shepherd, vine, and more) give us insightful ways to experience Jesus and point us to a God who wants to be known. The DVD, filmed on location in the Holy Land, allows you to travel with Rob Fuquay and actually see the places where Jesus stood when he disclosed his true identity, and in what context he spoke each "I Am." The book, DVD/study guide combo, and online support work together to provide one of the most meaningful, transforming initiatives your church can provide for the entire congregation. Weekly themes include: Introduction to "I Am"—Knowing God I Am the Bread of Life—Knowing God's Satisfaction I Am the Light of the World—Knowing God's Guidance I Am the Good Shepherd—Knowing God's Care I Am the True Vine—Knowing God's Power I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life—Knowing God's Way I Am the Resurrection and the Life—Knowing God's Possibilities Another new release of the highly sought-after classic commentary series from one of the most respected and articulate expositors of the twentieth century. "John Phillips writes with enthusiasm and clarity, ...cutting through the confusion and heretical dangers associated with Bible interpretation." -Moody Magazine

The theme of the New Exodus (NE) in John's Gospel has been largely unexplored in recent scholarship. Now, however, by careful intertextual exegesis of John 5-10, Paul Coxon has compellingly argued that not only is the NE key to interpreting the Fourth Gospel, but also to unlocking the mysteries of the Johannine "puzzle" itself. Anyone who is interested in searching the riches of this marvelous Gospel will want to explore the NE in John in these pages.

The gospel of John, one of the key books of the Bible, reads like an intimate biography—from the pen of “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” This verse-by-verse exploration of John’s gospel brings to life the miracles and majesty of Jesus of Nazareth. Including life-related illustrations for application, the book features Bible passages within text and answers the question, “Who is Jesus?”

Explores St. John’s Gospel from an Eastern perspective to reveal the interconnectedness of all faiths and the need for interfaith dialogue • Takes readers beyond academic and historical analyses by exploring the mystical foundation of the Gospel • Includes the full text of the Gospel of John interwoven with passage-by-passage interpretations The Gospel of John is different from the other canonical

gospels in its overall point of view concerning Jesus Christ and his mission on earth. It is much more cosmological in scale and mystical in nature and has long been considered more esoteric. The Gospel of John in the Light of Indian Mysticism presents an unusual and rewarding exploration of this Christian text from a Hindu perspective as Ravi Ravindra takes us into the heart of St. John's words, eloquently and convincingly revealing the interconnectedness of all faiths and the growing need in today's world for interfaith dialogue. For those concerned with the emergence of a universal spirituality, Ravindra provides a source of light, a translucent pool of wisdom that offers from its depths an immense and lasting spiritual vision.

Originally published in 1948, this now-classic study by Merrill Tenney treats the Gospel of John as a literary unit and provides a straightforward analysis of the text. Tenney first outlines the structure of the Gospel, then offers a careful exposition of John's text according to six major periods of Christ's life, and finally presents a topical analysis of the Gospel. Not a critical commentary but, rather, a well-organized guidebook complemented by helpful charts and diagrams, Tenney's John: The Gospel of Belief, reissued in this new format, will continue helping pastors, teachers, students, and other Bible readers grasp the aim and major themes of John.

An inspiring and heartwarming commentary on the best-loved of the four Gospels. With the third generation of Christians in mind, John penned an inspired account of the amazing years he had spent in the company of Jesus.

How does one 'gossip the gospel'? It isn't as odd as it sounds. A gossip (god-sib) was originally somebody related to one 'through God' - a godparent. So really, 'gossiping the gospel' is the act of trying to re-establish our connection with God through our relationship with the one we are all related to through Him: Jesus, his life and teachings. Beginning with Luke's warning to be on our guard for the coming of Our Lord, we are taken through the gospel readings for each Sunday of the Christian calendar year. As we approach the crucifixion of Christ, the underlying implications of His actions and words become alive with the problems and issues that face Christians today. Throughout these lucid and inspiring sermons are snippets of modern accounts of enlightenment, the struggles and triumphs on the path to eternal life - our own 'gossip' of the gospel. John Parfitt was educated at Bristol Cathedral School; St Paul's College, Cheltenham; Universities of Birmingham and Southampton; and Queen's College, Birmingham. He has been headmaster of two schools; Head of the School of Education, Birmingham; Rector of Hanley Castle; Director of Education for Bath and Wells; Inspector of Schools; and Master of Sexey's Hospital, Somerset.

Every aspect of the study of John is represented in this book, including the historical origins of the Johannine community, the religious traditions in the gospel within and beyond early Christianity, the Fourth Gospel's literary dimensions and theological concerns, and the distinctive challenges presented by the Gospel's interpretation.

Surveys the content and theology of the Fourth Gospel. Includes photos, maps, line drawings, and an instructor's manual.

Well-known preacher and literary scholar John Killinger has combined his talents to provide the most revolutionary study of the Gospel of Mark ever written. On the basis of textual patterns he discovered in a Gospel long believed to be "naive" and "unstudied," Killinger reveals evidence that the two calming-of-the-sea stories traditionally regarded as miracles are actually post-resurrection stories. This explanation not only accounts for the absence of such stories at the end of the Gospel, where the other Gospels place them, but suggests that Mark might actually be a gnostic document, as the gnostics believed in the resurrection of Jesus but did not emphasize his physical resurrection. A gnostic origin for Mark also explains other long-standing enigmas in Mark, including its high opinion of women (the gnostics had women priests); the annoying stupidity of the disciples; the amazing recognition of Jesus' real identity by a blind man; and the so-called Messianic Secret (gnostics wanted to conceal their rites and teachings from outsiders). In this groundbreaking interpretation of the Gospel of Mark, Killinger has given us a reason to reassess the purpose of the Gospel of Mark.

A reader-friendly guide to the life and teachings of the Jesus of the Gospels The Jesus of the Gospels brings together the best elements of a survey of the Gospels and a commentary on the Gospels to help readers know Jesus and understand the good news. Drawing on decades of experience teaching and writing on the Gospels, Andreas Köstenberger presents a holistic portrait of Jesus by leading readers through an in-depth study of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Each chapter explores one gospel account, beginning with a short introduction that highlights the gospel's individual distinctives, followed by an outline of the book. Köstenberger breaks each gospel into short sections, explaining the meaning and how it sheds light on Jesus and His mission. Numerous sidebars, maps, and diagrams highlight supplemental information, and regular "Recap" sections summarize key points. For those interested in further study, footnotes point to useful resources. In addition to helping readers follow the storyline and theology of each gospel, Köstenberger also emphasizes practical application, showing readers how to apply what they're learning to their lives. Ideal for those who are new to the study of the Gospels, and for instructors looking for an accessible introduction based on solid scholarship, The Jesus of the Gospels offers readers and students to the riches of the Gospels and a deeper knowledge of Jesus and the good news.

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