

**Course: Gospels & Acts**

**Series: The Gospels**

**Discussion Forum Five: The Gospel According to John**

- 1. Why should we be concerned with the Bible's human authors?**
  - a. Brian Vickers – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(01:05)**
  - b. David Lamb – Biblical Theological Seminary **(02:55)**
- 2. When was the Gospel of John written?**
  - a. Peter Walker – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(06:20)**
- 3. How might the place where John wrote his gospel have influenced its shape and content?**
  - a. Larry Cockrell – Birmingham Theological Seminary **(08:55)**
  - b. Wai-yee Ng – China Graduate School of Theology, Hong Kong **(10:15)**
- 4. Who was John's original audience?**
  - c. Ben Witherington III – Asbury Theological Seminary **(11:25)**
- 5. Why did John write his gospel?**
  - a. Simon Vibert – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(14:25)**
  - b. Wai-yee Ng – China Graduate School of Theology, Hong Kong **(15:15)**
- 6. Why is John's gospel so different from the other three?**
  - a. Peter Walker – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(16:30)**
  - b. Simon Vibert – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(18:40)**
- 7. What did John mean when he called Jesus the "Son of God"?**
  - a. Thad James, Jr. – Birmingham Theological Seminary **(20:20)**
  - b. Wai-yee Ng – China Graduate School of Theology, Hong Kong **(21:00)**
  - c. Peter Walker – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(21:35)**
  - d. Steven Tsoukalas – Wesley Biblical Seminary **(22:40)**
  - e. Larry Cockrell – Birmingham Theological Seminary **(25:55)**
- 8. What was so significant about Jesus' "I am" statements in the Gospel of John?**
  - a. Ben Witherington III – Asbury Theological Seminary **(27:55)**
- 9. What was the relationship between Jesus and the temple?**
  - a. Peter Walker – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(31:20)**
  - b. Stephen Wellum – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(32:35)**

- c. Greg Perry – Covenant Theological Seminary (34:55)
- d. Mark Gignilliat – Beeson Divinity School (37:00)
- e. Wai-yee Ng – China Graduate School of Theology, Hong Kong (38:40)

**10. What might the term "Word of God" have meant to John's original audience?**

- a. Ben Witherington III – Asbury Theological Seminary (40:35)
- b. Thad James, Jr. – Birmingham Theological Seminary (41:15)
- c. Steven Cowan – Birmingham Theological Seminary (42:35)
- d. Simon Vibert – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University (45:10)
- e. Wai-yee Ng – China Graduate School of Theology, Hong Kong (46:10)
- f. Peter Walker – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University (47:20)

**11. How might our understanding of Jesus as the Word of God influence our interpretation of John's gospel?**

- a. John McKinley – Talbot School of Theology (48:50)

**12. Has the church always affirmed the full divinity of Christ?**

- a. John Frame – Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando (51:55)

**13. Why did John refer to Jesus' miracles as "signs"?**

- a. Dan Doriani – Central Presbyterian Church, Clayton, MO (55:05)
- b. Wai-yee Ng – China Graduate School of Theology, Hong Kong (56:25)

**14. In John's gospel, what is belief?**

- a. Simon Vibert – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University (58:00)
- b. Thad James, Jr. – Birmingham Theological Seminary (58:55)

**15. How did John describe eternal life?**

- a. Simon Vibert – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University (1:00:10)
- b. Larry Cockrell – Birmingham Theological Seminary (1:01:10)
- c. John Frame – Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando (1:01:50)

**16. Why did John connect love for God with obedience to God?**

- a. K. Erik Thoennes – Talbot School of Theology (1:04:20)
- b. J. I. Packer – Regent College, Vancouver (1:04:45)
- c. Riad Kassis – Arab Baptist Theological Seminary (1:07:10)
- d. John Oswalt – Asbury Theological Seminary (1:07:50)
- e. Steve Harper – Asbury Theological Seminary, Orlando (1:11:40)

f. Glen Scorgie – Bethel Seminary, San Diego **(1:13:00)**

**17. Does Jesus' Farewell Discourse apply to all Christians, or was it only intended for the apostles?**

a. Wai-yee Ng – China Graduate School of Theology, Hong Kong **(1:15:00)**

b. James Hamilton – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(1:15:55)**

**18. What was the main point of Jesus' High Priestly Prayer?**

a. Steve Harper – Asbury Theological Seminary, Orlando **(1:17:20)**

b. Larry Cockrell – Birmingham Theological Seminary **(1:20:20)**

**19. Why was Jesus so willing to be crucified?**

a. Mike Glodo – Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando **(1:22:15)**