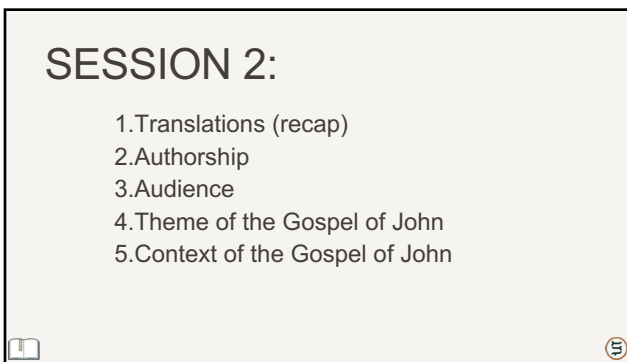
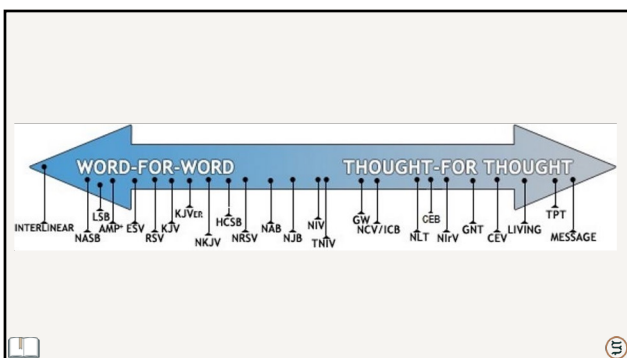


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Authorship

What does the Bible say about authorship of the Bible?

Who wrote the Gospel of John?

- ❖ How do you know?
- ❖ How can you find out?
 - Look for the answer in the book itself
 - ◆ 1 Corinthians 1:1-2
 - ◆ Ephesians 1:1
 - ◆ 1 Timothy 1:1-2
 - Look for the answer in your Study Bible
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Authorship

Why does it matter who wrote the Gospel of John?



- ❖ Criteria for Canonization NT
 - Apostolic Authority
 - Consistency With Other Books
 - Continuing Usage
- ❖ We do this now when we decide who to read, listen to or follow, we check their credentials and who else is following them.

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Authorship

What deeper meaning or connection do you get knowing that the person who wrote this book is John?

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Audience

Who is the audience of the Gospel of John?

- ❖ How do you know?
- ❖ How can you find out?
 - Look for the answer in the book itself
 - Romans 1:7
 - James 1:1
 - Acts 1:1-2
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Audience

Who is the audience of the Gospel of John?

- ❖ How do you know?
 - Sometimes it isn't a clear sentence at the beginning of the book.
 - Sometimes it becomes evident as you read through the book.
- In the book of John you can pick up clues as to his audience:
 - Non Jewish Audience?
 - ◆ 1:38 & 20:16 -- John explains the Jewish term Rabboni
 - ◆ 5:2; 6:1; 11:18 & 19:17 -- John explains physical details of a place
 - ◆ 4:9 -- "For Jews do not associate with Samaritans"
 - Jewish Audience?
 - ◆ 1:1 -- In the beginning would take a Jewish person to Genesis 1:1
 - ◆ 1:45 -- Phillip describes Jesus as the one Moses and the Prophets predicted
 - ◆ 4:5-6 -- a reference to Jacob and Joseph without explanation of who they are



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Audience

Why does it matter who the audience is of the Gospel of John?

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- ❖ The audience is part of the context of the book.
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Audience

What deeper meaning or connection do you get knowing the original intended audience?



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Themes

Answering the Question: What Kind of Text is This?

The Theme of the Fourth Gospel



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Background of John's Gospel

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