

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for June 28-29, 2003

"Why Did John Write the Fourth Gospel?"

John 20:30-31

The Apostle John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, a member of Christ's inner circle, wrote the fourth gospel.

Why did John write the fourth gospel?

There are those who say John wrote this fourth gospel to compliment Matthew, Mark and Luke.

Matthew, Mark and Luke are so similar, theologians have called these three gospels the Synoptic gospels.

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The word "synoptic" comes from the combination of two Greek words which literally translated means "a seeing together."

Only about 10% of the material included in John can be found in the other three gospels.

There are those who say that John wrote his gospel to combat gnosticism

Gnosticism was a philosophical and religious movement, started in pre-Christian times that threatened to corrupt the biblical view of the person and work of Christ.

The fourth gospel, according to John 20:30-31, was written in order that people might believe and be saved.

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We cannot be saved unless we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

The Apostle John wrote the fourth gospel in order that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and be saved.