1. John Among the Gospels
   (B) Greetings and Self-Introductions
       Just met
       Reality TV

1. Scene A. The Four Gospels
   Hollywood version of Jesus
       Valuable
       But can mask unique emphases that speak to unique people
   Like toothpaste
       (Colgate, Close Up, Ultra Brite)
       One essential message, four unique styles
       Four unique portraits of Jesus
   Pay-off
   There is more than one right way to think
       All attempts to describe Christ or truth need some qualification
       Due to our weakness, not God's
   Paradox (either/or dilemmas)
       human/divine
       faith/works
   Affirm truth on both sides of an issue
   Inclusive approach
       ---> Unity (John 17)
   Two extremes:
       Only one right way to think
       All ways of thinking are right

Quiz: Herod (Luke)
   30 pieces of silver (Matt)
   Annas (John)
   repentant thief (Luke)
   Father forgive them (Luke)

John = A “spiritual gospel”
   Deepest insights not on surface
   Can be tougher than Revelation
1. Scene B. Narrative Speed
   Length of event vs. Length of story
   You can cover years in a sentence or paragraph
   “Once upon a time”
   You can take pages to describe the instance of an accident
   From many angles
   Three Passovers in John
   [John 2:13]
   [John 6:4]
   [John 12:1]
   6 months from baptism to temple = 2 ½ years
   John 5? Unnamed feast
   1st Full Year = 116 verses
   2nd Full Year = 295 verses
   Death and Resurrection = 293 verses
   Narrative grinding to a halt in the latter part of John

   Centrality of the cross

1. Scene C. The Days of John
   One of John’s unique features
   [John 1:19-23]
   [John 1:28]
   [John 1:35]
   [John 1:43]
   [John 2:1]
   New Creation
   Sabbath wedding
   12 events on 29 days, covering 50 days out of presumed ministry of 1000 days
   Only a small fraction of the story is told (cf. 21:25).
   Why so selective? Theological purpose
   What is that theological purpose?

1. Scene D. Statement of Purpose
   The purpose is clearly stated in 20:30-31 (hina w subj)
   In order that:
   You might believe
   Jesus is the Messiah
   The Son of God
   You might have life (in His name)