

Women in the Word: 2012

Resources: The Gospel of John

Beasley-Murray, George R. *Word Biblical Commentary Volume 36 (Second Edition): John*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, Inc., 2000.

The Word Biblical Commentary delivers the best in biblical scholarship, from the leading scholars of our day who share a commitment to Scripture as divine revelation. This series emphasizes a thorough analysis of textual, linguistic, structural, and theological evidence. The result is judicious and balanced insight into the meanings of the text in the framework of biblical theology. These widely acclaimed commentaries serve as exceptional resources for the professional theologian and instructor, the seminary or university student, the working minister, and everyone concerned with building theological understanding from a solid base of biblical scholarship.

Carson, D. A. *The Pillar New Testament Commentary: The Gospel According to John*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1991.

Carson states he is trying to explain the text of John's Gospel to those who minister the Word of God to others, either by preaching or by leading Bible studies. It can be used by those laypeople who want personal growth. He looks at the flow of the text; specifically, on the movement of thought.

Köstenberger, Andreas J. *Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament: John*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2004.

After considering the historical context of the letter as well as its relation to other New Testament writings, Köstenberger turns to his exegetical work. An introduction to each exegetical unit is provided along with the author's own translation of the Greek text. In the course of his verse-by-verse comments, Köstenberger incorporates references to other ancient writings that help explain the book's theological, cultural, and social context. Where appropriate, he draws upon the work of other commentators and provides extensive notes for further reading and research.

Lucas, Dick. *Teaching John: Unlocking the Gospel of John for the Bible Teacher*. Ross-shire, Scotland, UK: Christian Focus Publications, 2002

This is a primer to explore the main themes of his gospel. Its purpose is to give the teacher a way into the text that will enable it to be taught in a way that is consonant with its original purpose. The purpose that John gives for writing his gospel is found in chapter 20. It is this key that is then used to unlock 4 very famous chapters in the book.

Milne, Bruce. *The Bible Speaks Today: The Message of John*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1984.

John's Gospel has long been a favorite among Christians. In it the truth of God in Christ is displayed in both childlike simplicity and penetrating depth. John the disciple of Jesus had known the Word of God incarnate. John the pastor and evangelist had contemplated the meaning of that unique person and event. Through the eyes of faith John retells the story of the Word, drawing out its meaning for his contemporaries so that they "might come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God" and "have life in his name." True to his mentor, the Fourth Evangelist, Bruce Milne has a passion for passing on this Word and helping others respeak it. As Milne puts it, "The mystery of Jesus Christ is the theme of this gospel; always beyond us, yet always summoning us to explore it more fully."

Osborne, Grant R. *Cornerstone Biblical Commentary: The Gospel of John*. Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 2007

These accessible commentaries are for anyone who wants to enter a serious study of God's Word. Each volume guides the reader through the literary and theological issues in the text and provides correlation to multiple numbering systems for word study. This volume includes the entire NLT text of John and 1–3 John, translation notes, and fresh expository commentary.

Ridderbos, Herman. *The Gospel of John: A Theological Commentary*.
Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1997.

This excellent commentary by Herman Ridderbos engages seriously the host of twentieth-century interpretations of John while also developing its own integral understanding of John in which the Gospel emerges as a profoundly theological work. Ridderbos presents John in its distinctively apostolic character and includes important criteria for the literary and homiletical exegesis of the Fourth Gospel.

Ryan, Joseph F. *That You May Believe (Studies in the Gospel of John): New Life in the Son*.
Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2003

The apostle John was a careful witness to the marvelous facts of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. But he was also a passionate witness-wanting us to see the Jesus he knew and loved, so that we too might believe (John 20:31). That's Skip Ryan's desire as well. He has carefully chosen portions from John's Gospel to bring you to a deeper faith in Christ, no matter how far along you are on your journey. Each chapter focuses on a specific passage from John. And each chapter includes true and memorable stories from contemporary life-stories of God's grace in the lives of ordinary people. The Scripture study will deepen your understanding of the gospel. The stories will remind you of how God is working in your own life. Hopefully, the end result will be a deeper faith in God-for you and for those whose lives you touch.

Selvaggio, Anthony. *The Seven Signs: Seeing the Glory of Christ in the Gospel of John*. Grand
Rapids, MI: Reformation Heritage Books, 2010

A major component of Jesus' ministry on earth was the performance of signs and wonders. In this book, Anthony T. Selvaggio uses the seven signs given in the first half of the Gospel of John to navigate us toward a glorious destination. This journey begins at a wedding and ends at a funeral. Throughout this trip you will witness the incredible events of water being turned into wine, the temple cleansed, a sick boy restored, a lame man brought to his feet, thousands feed, a blind man gaining sight, and a dead man coming forth from his tomb. While this tour centers in the land of Palestine, it will ultimately take you beyond the finiteness of this created world. For on this majestic journey, you will see more than mere signs and wonders - you will see the glory of Jesus the Christ, the Son of God!

Sproul, R. C. *John (St. Andrew's Expository Commentary)*.
Lake Mary, FL: Reformation Trust Publishing, 2009

Dr. R. C. Sproul offers his readers the fruits of his lifetime of biblical study as expressed in his most recent calling. Dr. Sproul, a respected seminary teacher, conference speaker, and author, long saw his role in full-time Christian ministry as centered on the task of teaching. But in 1997, God placed him in the position of preaching weekly at St. Andrew's in Sanford, Florida. There, he adopted the ancient Christian practice of lectio continua, or continuous expositions, the method of preaching verse-by-verse through books of the Bible (rather than choosing a new topic each week). Since taking up this task at St. Andrew's, Dr. Sproul has preached through several books of the Bible, including the Gospel of John.

Wright, N. T. *John for Everyone: Part One*.
Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2004.

Wright, N. T. *John for Everyone: Part Two*.
Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2004.

Making use of his true scholar's understanding, yet writing in an approachable and anecdotal style, N.T. Wright manages to convey the simplicity, and helps to unravel the great complexity, of this extraordinary gospel. He describes it as one of the great books in the literature of the world; and part of its greatness is the way it reveals its secrets not just to high-flown learning, but to those who come to it with humility and hope.