



The Gospel of John

Dr. Gordon Campbell

May 31 – June 4, 2010 (part I)
September 13-17, 2010 (part II)

PROFESSOR

Born in 1958. Dr. Campbell is married and has four children. In 1988 ordained as a minister in Irish Presbyterian Church. From 1989 – 2005 lived in France as a missionary - worked as minister in the Reformed church and was a New Testament professor at the Faculté Libre de Théologie Réformée in Aix-en-Provence. Presently – professor of New Testament, Union Theological College of Queens University of Belfast (UK). Professor Campbell has taught “The Gospel of Mark” and “The Book of Revelation” courses at BRTS.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

From the Church Fathers onwards, *the Gospel According to John* has been recognised as clearly the same sort of book as the three Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark &, Luke), yet as having its own particular characteristics which also make it quite different from them. This course explores the Fourth Gospel through exegesis of some key passages and through consideration of the book’s Christology and its other main theological themes. It also aims to help the reader develop a good awareness of the literary features of John’s Gospel and thus of how this Gospel “works”.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDIT

- 1) Class attendance
- 2) Completed reading assignment:

Week 1

1. *Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture*, vol. IVA (Jn 1 – 10), **pp.107-30** (Jn 3.1-21)
2. L. Morris (NICNT, 1995), **pp.63-113** (Jn 1.1-18)
- Keener (see week 2 bibliography) and Morris are recommended for commentary on *all* the texts studied in class
3. W. Carter, *John: Storyteller, Interpreter, Evangelist*, Hendrickson, 2006, **pp.21-42** (= ch. 2 on “plot”)
4. M.M. Thompson, *John, Gospel of*, article in *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*, IVP, Downer’s Grove/Leicester, 1992, **pp.368-83**
5. L. Williamson, *Preaching the Gospel of John*, WJK Press, Louisville, 2004, **pp. 46-51** (Jn 4.1-26), **pp.57-61** (Jn 5.1-15), **pp.110-18** (Jn 9.1-41), **pp.146-49** (Jn 12.12-19)

Week 2

1. C.S. Keener (Hendrickson, 2003. Vol. 1) **pp.280-330** (= ch.7, “Christology and other theology”)
2. L. Morris (NICNT, 1995) **pp.558-75** (13.31-14.14)
- Keener and Morris are recommended for commentary on *all* the texts studied in class
3. W. Carter, *John: Storyteller, Interpreter, Evangelist*, Hendrickson, 2006, **pp.46-83** (= chs. 3 – 4 on characters)
4. D. A. Carson, Douglas J. Moo and Leon Morris, *An Introduction to the New Testament*, Zondervan/Apollos, Grand Rapids/Leicester, 1992, **pp.135-76**
5. L. Williamson, *Preaching the Gospel of John*, WJK Press, Louisville, 2004, **pp.164-67** (Jn 13.1-17), **pp.245-50** (Jn 18.12-27), **pp.257-62** (Jn 19.1-16)

- 3) Written examination (at end of part I (June) and at the end of part II (September))

ABOUT THE CLASSES:

Riga	Vilnius
Baltic Reformed Theological Seminary, Akas Str. 13, 10:00 – 13:00	By video-conference - Lietuvos Evangeliku Reformatu Baznyca , Pylimo 20 18:00 – 21:00

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Course Outline/Lecture Plan

Part 1 / week 1 (Jn 1 – 12) 31 May – 4 June 2010

- Session 1
1. Introduction to John's Gospel
 2. *Jn 1.1-18 The Prologue*
 3. Historical Background to John's Gospel
- Session 2
4. *Jn 3.1-21 Jesus and Nicodemus*
 5. Literary Structure of John's Gospel
 6. *Jn 4.1-26 Jesus and the Samaritan Woman*
- Session 3
7. Literary Features of John's Gospel
 8. *Jn 5.1-15 Jesus and the Man at the Pool*
 9. Revelation in John's Gospel
- Session 4
10. Christology of John's Gospel 1
 11. *Jn 9.1-41 Jesus and the Man Born Blind*
- Session 5
12. *Jn 12.12-19 The Climax of Jesus' Public Ministry*

Written exam part 1: duration one hour

Part 2 / week 2 (Jn 13 – 21) 13 – 17 September 2010

- Session 1.
1. *Jn 13.1-17*
 2. Christology of John's Gospel 2
 3. *Jn 13.31 – 14.14*
- Session 2.
4. Christology of John's Gospel 3
 5. *Jn 15.18 – 16.4*
 6. Eschatology of John's Gospel
- Session 3.
7. The Holy Spirit
 8. *Jn 18.12-27*
 9. "The Jews" in John's Gospel
- Session 4
10. *Jn 19.1-16*
 11. Salvation in John's Gospel
 12. *Jn 20.24-31*
- Session 5
13. *Jn 21.1-14*

Written exam part 2: duration one hour