

The Gospel according to John

Outline

Prologue	1:1—18
Section I	1:19—12:50
Part 1	1:19—2:25
Part 2	3:1—4:46
Part 3	5:1—7:52
<i>Woman caught in adultery</i>	7:53—8:11*
Part 4	8:12—12:50
Section II	13:1—17:26
Section III	18:1—20:31
Epilogue	21:1—25

**Not an original part of the Gospel*

The Prologue

Purpose

Provides the key to understanding the Gospel.

Like a Mozart overture, not Broadway: general mood, not specific tunes.

Roots the story of Jesus in the nature of God and the broadest sweep of His work.

Poetry

Repetition (Word, light, life)

Parallel words/phrases (e.g. 3a—3abc; 14a—14b)

Structure

A The Word as the agent of creation

B John as the witness

C The Word / Light came into the world

D Those who receive the word are children of God (cp. 20:31)

C¹ The Word became flesh

B¹ The testimony of John

A¹ The Word as the bringer of grace and truth