



What have we learned about the Gospel of John?

- John writes with a story behind the story.
- John's accounts often differ from the other gospels.

Matthew, Mark and Luke tell us to _____,
and their focus is living in the _____.

John writes to tell us to _____,
and his focus is that _____.

Jesus Is Arrested

After he said these things, Jesus went out with his disciples and crossed over to the other side of the Kidron Valley. He and his disciples entered a garden there. ² Judas, his betrayer, also knew the place because Jesus often gathered there with his disciples. ³ Judas brought a company of soldiers and some guards from the chief priests and Pharisees. They came there carrying lanterns, torches, and weapons. ⁴ Jesus knew everything that was to happen to him, so he went out and asked, "Who are you looking for?"

⁵ They answered, "Jesus the Nazarene."

He said to them, "I Am." (Judas, his betrayer, was standing with them.) ⁶ When he said, "I Am," they shrank back and fell to the ground.

John 18:1–6 (CEB)

What do you notice?

1. No mention of _____.
 - Matthew, Mark & Luke tell of Jesus' agony in the Garden.
2. John mentions a _____ of soldiers sent to arrest Jesus.
 - A cohort/company of soldiers equaled 600 men.
 - Jesus was perceived as a huge threat to the establishment.
3. Jesus claimed to be _____: the name of God.
 - When Jesus said, "I AM," the soldiers "shrank back and fell to the ground."

Why did John tell the story like that?

John wanted his readers to understand that
Jesus is _____.
As God, the King, he was in complete control
of everything that happened.

The Trial: Jesus Stands Before Pilate

Pilate went back into the palace. He summoned Jesus and asked, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

³⁴ *Jesus answered, “Do you say this on your own or have others spoken to you about me?”*

³⁵ *Pilate responded, “I’m not a Jew, am I? Your nation and its chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”*

³⁶ *Jesus replied, “My kingdom doesn’t originate from this world. If it did, my guards would fight so that I wouldn’t have been arrested by the Jewish leaders. My kingdom isn’t from here.”*

³⁷ *“So you are a king?” Pilate said.*

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Whoever accepts the truth listens to my voice.”

John 18:33–37 (CEB)

What we know

1. John’s account of Jesus’ trials differs from Matthew, Mark & Luke.
2. John tells us that Jesus appeared briefly before Annas (the former High Priest) and Caiaphas (the current High Priest).
3. John does not mention Jesus appearing before the Sanhedrin at all.
4. Jesus claims to be “King of the Jews.”
5. Jesus was on trial before Pilate for insurrection—a capital offense.
6. Jesus said that His kingdom “did not originate from this world.”
7. Pilate found no reason to execute Jesus, but caved to the crowd.

Why did John tell the story like that?

John hoped that all of us who read his account might accept Jesus as

and that we might live our lives for Him.