Discussion Week 3

Discussion 3 for BI5532 NTHLT

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1. Who is the disciple that Jesus loved?

John the son of Zebedee brother of James

1. What are the two major divisions that comprise the structure of John’s Gospel?

The book of signs and the book of exaltation

1. What is the major purpose of the signs included in the first half of John’s Gospel?

It sets forth the evidence for Jesus’s messiah ship in the form of seven selected signs

1. What are the implications of Jesus’ being the sent Son of God?

From the concept of the saliah, according to which the sent one is like the sender himself, faithfully pursuing the senders interests. Jesus Messianic mission

thus derives from God and is thoroughly grounded in Jewish forms of thought. Yet this is not just any messenger; he is the messianic son of God the one and only sone from the father, himself God who has com to give a full account of him

1. Which of these was probably written first: John’s Gospel or the Letters?

Johns Gospel mid 80’s early 90’s

1. Which major heresy is combated in 1 John?

Gnosticism

1. What are the major purposes for John’s writing of the Gospel of John and 1-3 John?

these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The letters were to combat Gnosticism

Some major themes and core elements within the Gospel of John that are present within 1-3 John are areas dealing with truth, life, darkness and light. The author of the Gospel of John and the letters of 1-3 John have been debated on but based on information available within the text many have landed on John the son of Zebedee as the most likely author. Within The Gospel of John and 1 John we see them both start with a prologue where he establishes himself as an eyewitness. The purpose for John’s Gospel was so people would know that Jesus is the Son of God and so people could know that they can have life by believing in His name. The purpose for John’s letters is clear within 1 John about combating Gnosticism and so that believers may know that they have eternal life. The letters all carry over the same theme but the difference between the first letter and the 2nd and 3rd are that the 2nd and 3rd letters are written towards someone or some group of people while within 1 John there is no specific group or person specified. The Gospel of John was most likely written before 1-3 John and we see this play out within 1 John when the author seems to reference or “assume” the Gospel of John. John gives Christians a guide into what authentic Christianity looks like within his letters and we are challenged to love one another within his writing not just by words we speak but also “in action and in truth”. The Gospel of John is great because it shows us the savior and our way to salvation through Jesus and Johns letters help us affirm that salvation as well as shines light on false teachers that run rampant within this world that we live in.