

John the Revelator Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Why do you suppose Jesus chose fishermen?

John is called “the disciple Jesus loved” (Agape, John 21:7). What are the possible interpretations of that statement?

Is it right if Jesus played favorites? Why might it be?

What was the effect of the transfiguration? Why do you think did Jesus let the 3 disciples see it?

What difference did it make for Jesus to share his suffering in the Garden with the disciples?

What was Jesus doing by entrusting the care of Mary to John?

The disciples misunderstood Jesus statements that He would die and be resurrected. What difference would it have made if He had presented them with a detailed schedule?

What is the value of struggling to arrive at the truth?

How does John’s personality complement Peter’s?

Does John 1 parallel Genesis 1 and 2?

What does that add to the physical accounts of Jesus birth and surrounding circumstances?

The facts of Jesus birth involved preparing Mary and Joseph and getting them to Bethlehem at the proper time. What does this tell us about God?

John’s use of “Logos” could be called contextualization. Does it make sense that God allowed that philosophically sophisticated Greek language to be the vehicle for describing Jesus life on earth?

What parts of the revelation experienced by John made sense to him and what parts did not?

The metamorphosis of the word “apocalypse” into a synonym for “end of the world” shows the changing of language. What does that mean for our understanding of Scripture?

Is there reason for modern translations of Scripture?

Does the Bible itself justify it being translated? What is the purpose of the Bible?

The Koran is not translated but memorized by people who do not understand it. Why?

What is the purpose of revelation in general and what is the purpose of the book of Revelation?