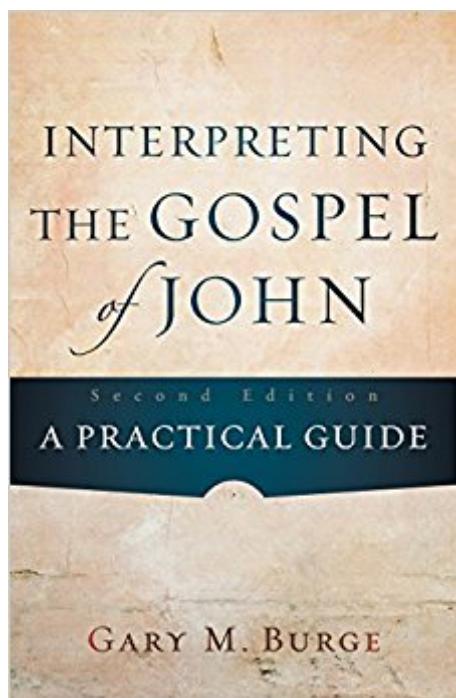


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# Interpreting The Gospel Of John: A Practical Guide



## **Synopsis**

In this revised and expanded edition, a respected New Testament scholar provides helpful guidance for interpreting the Gospel of John.

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Author Gary Burge has completed a good work in this Guide. Of interest to me was chapter 3 "How the Fourth Gospel Was Built" that addresses the literary seams. These form a major obstacle to interpretation of John 15-17, which is not directly addressed by the Author. I have maintained these three chapters are a 'hysteresis' (using E.W. Bullinger's term) or a presentation of information previously given but not publicly disclosed until now. The gospel records of Matthew, Mark, and Luke tend to support his position, and when applied, provide clarity to the issue of literary seams. For more information see *A Monograph for an Earlier Date of John 15-17* in the Kindle ebook store. This publication is a position based on other uses in the New Testament as well as used in movies and TV programs today. I am interested in any thoughts others may have to explain these literary gaps.

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Provides an exceptional concise one volume historical overview of scholarship on the 4th Gospel. The author explores how historians and academics have viewed John's Gospel starting with the earliest church fathers right down to the popular opinions which are currently held at modern

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Learned useful insights in studying John and changed of perspective (more respect and appreciation) for the gospel and NT as a whole. Felt more assured of what I believe in.

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