

## (3) The direction of John

Briefly, John moves into a more spiritual realm than do the other Gospels. You will find no kingdom parables but parables revealing the Saviour's spiritual company. You will find a move away from dramatic eschatology and into the area of the spiritual defeat of the foe (12:31, etc.). Some of this emphasis is found in the other accounts but it is the strong point of John..a new birth..a source of spiritual water, etc.

Likewise, as Luke emphasized the ministry of the Spirit to the Lord, John will emphasize the Spirit's ministry to the believer, (ch. 7, 14-16)

## (4) Analysis of a belief discourse, ch. 8

## c. Summary and conclusion

## 7. Summary on the Life of the Lord

## a. Background

## b. Pre-existence, Incarnation, Youth

(1) Pre-existence John 1:1 ff.  
Col. 1:15-17

(2) Incarnation

--birth of John Lk 1:5-25, 57-80

--annunciation Mt. 1:18-25

Lk. 1:26-28

--birth Mt. 2:1; Lk 2:1-7

--angels and shepherds Lk 2:8-20

--temple presentation Lk 2:21-39

--Magi, flight to Egypt Mt. 2:1-23

(3) Youth

--visit to Jerusalem Lk, 2:40-52

c. Baptism to imprisonment of John: year of  
obscurity or inauguration, probably fall 26--fall 27 AD.

(1) preparation

--preaching of John, Mt. 3:1-12

Mr. 1:1-8, Luke 3:1-20

--baptism of Jesus Mt. 3:13-17

Mk. 1:9-11, Lk. 3:21-22

*year of obscurity*