

II. Introductory material to John 13-17

A. Outline

I am fond of the major outline of Raymond Brown in his commentary on John in which he divides the book into two sections:

- I. The Book of Signs 1-12
- II. The Book of glory 13-21

The second of these he redivides into three parts:

- The priestly role 13-17
- the sacrificial role 18-19
- the triumphant role 20-21

This general breakdown emphasizes the ministry of the Lord.

My own outline of chapters 13-17 is a "character outline" and not one stylized on formal lines. It looks like this:

Christ exercises the Priestly Role

By discourse at the Pascal table 13-14

- introduction 13:1
- service lesson 13:2-17
- prophecy lesson 13:18-30
- love lesson 13:31-38
- identity lesson 14:1-14
- peace lesson 14:15-31

By discourse on the way 15-16

- fruitfulness 15:1-17
- rejection 15:18-16:4
- Spirit ministry 16:5-16
- Joy 16:17-33

By discourse in the garden 17

- the work finished 17:1-4
- intercessory prayer 17:5-17
- oneness petition 17:18-26

You will probably want to develop an outline of your own and you may want to make it on more