

Ex. Belief 3. Geza Vermes on John. Name _____. Due May 6

1. How does Vermes characterize the difference in interests between Paul and John and the Synoptics?
2. When and where does John's gospel likely come from, and did the same person write Revelation? What does this date indicate about the writer's relationship with the historical Jesus?
3. What sort of person does Vermes think the author of John is most likely to be and to what sort of people is he writing?
4. In which key ways is John's Jesus different from the Jesus of the Synoptics?
5. How does John see Jesus as Son of God differently than the Synoptics?

6. How does John see Jesus's role, and how primarily is this to be achieved?
7. How does John crucially change Jesus's chronology but hedge on his power?
8. Why does John change the date (by one) of Jesus's death? What's the symbolism and its meaning?
9. What influences lie behind the term Logos as applied to Jesus? How are the Jews portrayed differently in John than in the Synoptics?
10. Which concept is central to John's view of the new religion? What was the immediate context of insisting on this? How does Vermes sum up John's main contribution to Christianity?