

B-13. -e- 521

The Resurrection of Jesus in the Gospel of John

Edited by
Craig R. Koester and Reimund Bieringer

Mohr Siebeck

Theological Society of America (2006), 13–35. We are grateful for the permission of the Catholic Theological Society of America to reprint this text.

As editors we thank Tom Vollmer and Ilse Bacqué for their editorial assistance support and Victoria Smith for her careful preparation of the camera-ready copy. The indices were prepared with the assistance of Cosmin Murariu and Gabrielle Christenhusz. Special thanks goes to Jörg Frey (München), the editor of the series *Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament*, for offering us the opportunity to publish this volume. We also thank Henning Ziebritzki, Jana Trispel, and the staff at Mohr Siebeck for all they have done to bring this project to completion.

Easter 2008

Craig R. Koester, St. Paul
Reimund Bieringer, Leuven

Table of Contents

Preface	V
Table of Contents	VII
1. <i>Harold W. Attridge</i> “From Discord Rises Meaning. Resurrection Motifs in the Fourth Gospel”	1
2. <i>John Painter</i> “‘The Light Shines in the Darkness. . .’ Creation, Incarnation, and Resurrection in John”	21
3. <i>Craig R. Koester</i> “Jesus’ Resurrection, the Signs, and the Dynamics of Faith in the Gospel of John”	47
4. <i>Ruben Zimmermann</i> “The Narrative Hermeneutics in John 11. Learning with Lazarus How to Understand Death, Life, and Resurrection”	75
5. <i>Jean Zumstein</i> “Jesus’ Resurrection in the Farewell Discourses”	103
6. <i>Udo Schnelle</i> “Cross and Resurrection in the Gospel of John”	127
7. <i>Sandra M. Schneiders</i> “Touching the Risen Jesus. Mary Magdalene and Thomas the Twin in John 20”	153
8. <i>Jesper Tang Nielsen</i> “Resurrection, Recognition, Reassuring. The Function of Jesus’ Resurrection in the Fourth Gospel”	177

9. <i>Reimund Bieringer</i> "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God" (John 20:17). Resurrection and Ascension in the Gospel of John	209
10. <i>Johannes Beutler</i> "Resurrection and the Remission of Sins. John 20:23 Against Its Traditional Background"	237
11. <i>R. Alan Culpepper</i> "Realized Eschatology in the Experience of the Johannine Community"	253
12. <i>Hans-Ulrich Weidemann</i> "Eschatology as Liturgy. Jesus' Resurrection and Johannine Eschatology"	277
13. <i>Martin Hasitschka</i> "The Significance of the Resurrection Appearance in John 21"	311
Index of References	329
Index of Modern Authors	353

Chapter 1

From Discord Rises Meaning Resurrection Motifs in the Fourth Gospel

Harold W. Attridge

1. The Tensive Elements in John's Gospel

On the subject of the resurrection, the Fourth Gospel is, as in so many other areas, full of tensive elements. Most obviously, resurrection is, in a fashion traditional within Judaism,¹ an event of the end times, when the dead shall arise to either positive or negative judgment (5:28), but that end time is already palpable (5:24). The resurrection is yet to come (11:24), but is also present in and through Jesus here and now (11:25).

Ambiguity in what the gospel teaches about resurrection thus parallels a significant element of tension in the treatment of the resurrection of Jesus and, more specifically, the relationship between the cross, empty tomb, and paschal appearances.² Much of the gospel focuses on the event of the

¹ As argued strongly by N. T. Wright, *The Resurrection of the Son of God* (Christian Origins and the Question of God 3; London: SPCK, 2003). Among the many reactions see especially Markus Bockmuehl, "Compleat History of the Resurrection: A Dialogue with N.T. Wright," *JSNT* 26 (2004): 489–504, and Robert H. Smith, "Wright Thinking on the Resurrection?" *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 43 (2004): 244–51. Wright downplays the diversity in pre-Christian Jewish beliefs about the resurrection. For a similar approach to the Jewish evidence, see Richard Bauckham, "Life, Death, and the Afterlife in Second Temple Judaism," in *Life in the Face of Death: The Resurrection Message of the New Testament* (ed. Richard N. Longenecker; MacMaster New Testament Studies; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998), 80–95. For an alternative perspective, see George W. E. Nickelsburg, *Resurrection, Immortality, and Eternal Life in Intertestamental Judaism* (HTS 26; Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press; London: Oxford University Press, 1972), and with more data from the Scrolls, John J. Collins, *Seers, Sibyls and Sages in Hellenistic-Roman Judaism* (JSJSup 54; Leiden: Brill, 1997). A critical point for assessing the possibilities available to the Fourth Gospel is how to construe the Wisdom of Solomon.

² For an insightful essay dealing with the whole issue see Andrew T. Lincoln, "I am the Resurrection and the Life': The Resurrection Message of the Fourth Gospel," in Longenecker, ed., *Life in the Face of Death*, 122–44.