

The Gospel of John: Myths and Facts

In the blank space next to each statement, write the word *myth* or *fact* to indicate which one you believe that statement to be.

1. _____ The Gospel of John has nothing in common with the synoptic Gospels.
2. _____ In the Gospel of John, Jesus is a divine being, not a human being.
3. _____ The Gospel of John emphasizes Jesus' divinity.
4. _____ The Gospel of John promotes hatred of and discrimination against Jewish people.
5. _____ John's account of the birth of Jesus is the basis for many popular Christmas traditions.
6. _____ The Gospel of John begins with a poem.
7. _____ In the Gospel of John, Jesus does not perform miracles.
8. _____ The Gospel of John uses more metaphors and symbolism than do the synoptic Gospels.
9. _____ The Gospel of John was written during a time of great turmoil and transition in the early Christian community.
10. _____ The Gospel of John is incomprehensible to most Catholics.
11. _____ Key texts from John's Gospel are used in the liturgies of Lent, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday.
12. _____ The Gospel of John was the last canonical Gospel written.
13. _____ John's Gospel follows the same basic structure as the synoptic Gospels.
14. _____ Many famous and well-loved passages in John's Gospel—like "I am the vine, you are the branches" (John 15:5), "I am the bread of life" (John 6:3), and "I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6)—do not appear in the synoptic Gospels.

