

Worldview – Two contrasting realities:

God's world (Above) [3:31, 8:23](#)

The world (Below) with Satan as its prince

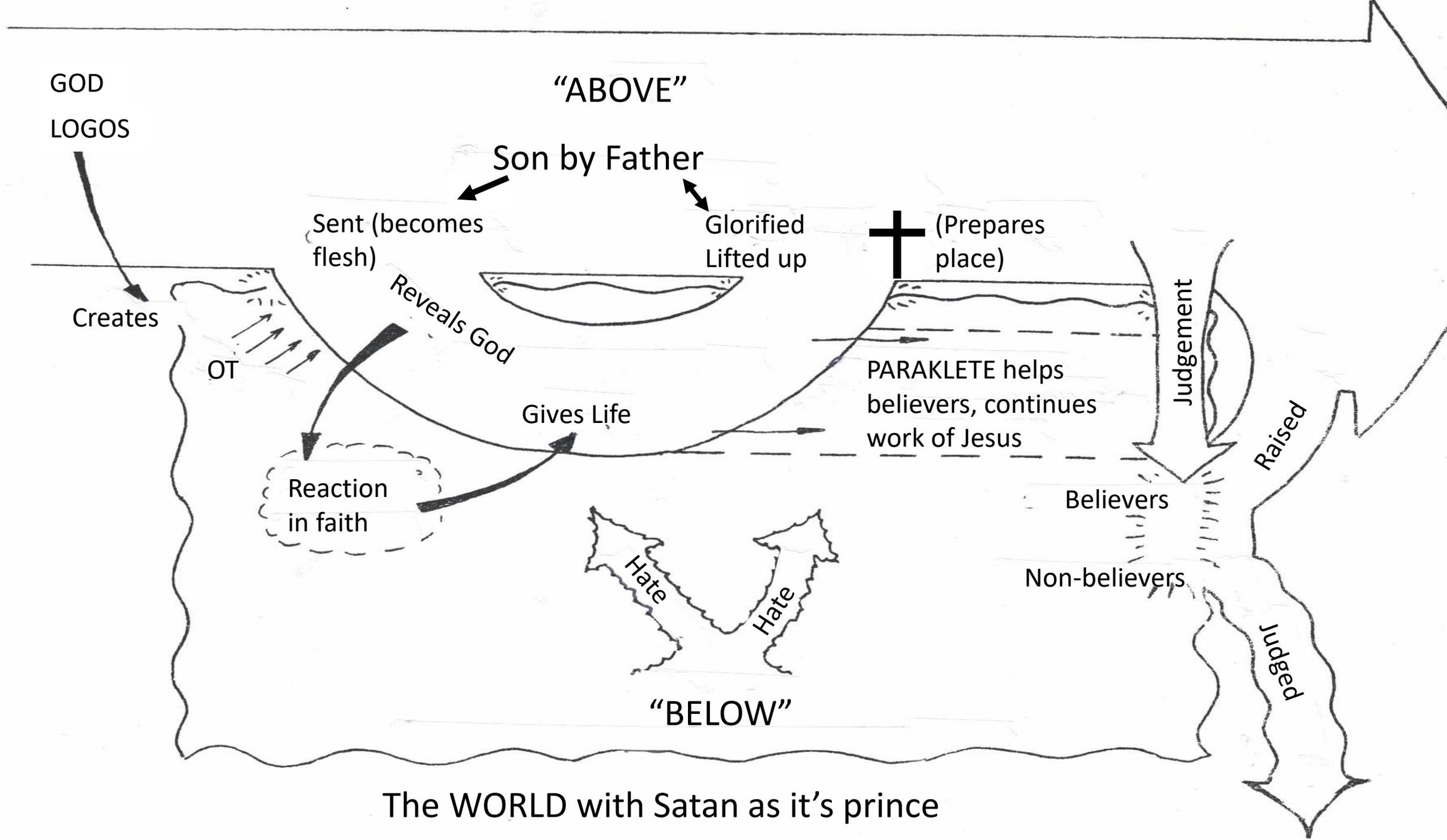
This is clearly illustrated by contrasting pairs like:

Light – darkness [1:5](#)

Life - death 5:24

Truth – Lies 8:44

# Dualism in John



GOD  
LOGOS

"ABOVE"

Son by Father

Sent (becomes  
flesh)

Glorified  
Lifted up

⊕ (Prepares  
place)

Creates

OT

Reveals God

Gives Life

PARAKLETE helps  
believers, continues  
work of Jesus

Judgement

Reaction  
in faith

Believers

Non-believers

Raised

Judged

Hate

Hate

"BELOW"

The WORLD with Satan as it's prince

# The structure of the Gospel of John

1

Differs from Synoptic Gospels in style, structure, and content

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Written as a story of the life of Jesus

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Two things to notice:

- The course of the story
- The way in which the material is arranged

# Course of the Gospel

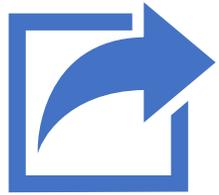
## The Book of Signs ( σημεῖα ) – Ch 1-12

- Jesus is busy with the world
- Does many signs (wonders)

## The Book of Glory – Ch 13- 20:31

- Deals with the last week of Jesus' life
- 13-17 Time with his disciples
- 18-20 Crucifixion and resurrection

John 21 – repeats commission (addendum)



## The way in which the material is arranged

- Interesting technique to relay message:
- He uses a specific sign (wonder) and then follows that up with a long sermon (John 6 – Bread)
- We do not find any parables in John



# Structure

Sign: 2:1-12 Water into wine

Sermon: 3-4:42 Jesus brings new life to the world for Jews and Samaritans

Sign: 4:43-54 The son of a Roman soldier is healed

## Structure

- Sign: 5:1-13 Healing on a Sabbath (only God may)
- Sermon: 5:14 ff Jesus can because he is son of God and has witnesses
  
- Sign: 6:1-21 Multiplication of bread
- Sermon: 6:22 ff Jesus is the bread of life
  
- Sermon: 8 People live according to their heritage (Light/darkness some don't accept the light)
  
- Sign 9 Jesus heals a blind man

# Structure

Sermon: 10 As shepherd  
Jesus cares for his sheep



Sign: 11 Jesus raises Lazarus  
from the dead



Sign: 21:4-14 Catching fish



Sermon: 21:15 ff Peter  
reinstated to take care of  
church

# The Apostle John in the New Testament

John and his brother James were among the first disciples called by Jesus (Mark 1:19-20)

Along with James and Peter he seemed to belong to an inner circle among Jesus' followers (There when Jairus' daughter is raised Mark 5:37, at Transfiguration (Mark 9:2), in Gethsemane (Mark 14:33))

James and John called "Boanerges" (Mark 3:17) headstrong ways often got them in trouble with Jesus

John's brother James one of the first martyrs (Acts 12:2)

John seen as one of the pillars of the church one of three people Paul regarded as key leaders of the Christian movement (Gal 2:9)

1

No birth story

2

No mention of  
Jesus' baptism

3

Nothing about  
temptation by Satan

4

Nothing about  
eating with sinners  
and tax collectors

5

No Transfiguration

6

No parables

7

Nothing about  
loving your  
neighbour or  
enemies

Material not found in John's Gospel