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The last generation of Gospel scholarship has considered the reconstruction and analysis of the audience behind the Gospels as paradigmatic. The key hermeneutical template for reading the Gospels has been the quest for the community that each Gospel represents. But this scholarly consensus regarding the audience of the Gospels has recently been reconsidered. Using as a test case one of the most entrenched Gospels, Edward Klink explores the evidence for the audience behind the Gospel of John. This study challenges the current Gospel paradigm by examining the community construct and its functional potential in early Christianity, the appropriation of a Gospel text and J. L. Martyn's two-level reading of John, and the implied reader located within the narrative. The study concludes by proposing a more appropriate audience model for reading John, as well as some implications for the function of the Gospel in early Christianity.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

AA	<i>American Anthropologist</i>
AB	The Anchor Bible
ABRL	The Anchor Bible Reference Library
AES	<i>Archives Européennes de Sociologie</i>
AGAJU	Arbeiten zur Geschichte des antiken Judentums und des Urchristentums
<i>AJBI</i>	<i>Annual of the Japanese Biblical Institute</i>
<i>AJT</i>	<i>American Journal of Theology</i>
ANTC	Abingdon New Testament Commentaries
ARP	<i>Annual Review of Psychology</i>
ASAM	Association of Social Anthropologists Monographs
ASNTU	Acta Seminarii Neotestamentici Upsaliensis
ASR	<i>American Sociological Review</i>
ATANT	Abhandlungen zur Theologie des Alten und Neuen Testaments
<i>BBB</i>	<i>Bonner biblische Beiträge</i>
BBET	Beiträge zur biblischen Exegese und Theologie
BD	Beloved Disciple
<i>BEAK</i>	<i>Bis zur Entstehung der alkatholischen Kirche</i>
BETL	Bibliotheca Ephemeridum Theologicarum Lovaniensium
BENT	Beiträge zur Einleitung in das Neue Testament
BFCT	Beiträge zur Förderung christlicher Theologie
BH	Bibliothèque historique
<i>BI</i>	<i>Biblical Interpretation</i>
<i>BIS</i>	<i>Biblical Interpretation Series</i>
<i>BJRL</i>	<i>Bulletin of the John Rylands Library</i>
BJS	Brown Judaic Studies
<i>BJSoc</i>	<i>British Journal of Sociology</i>
<i>BL</i>	<i>Bibel und Leben</i>
BLS	The Bible and Liberation Series

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<i>BN</i>	<i>Biblische Notizen</i>
BNTC	Black's New Testament Commentaries
BS	The Biblical Seminar
<i>BTB</i>	<i>Biblical Theology Bulletin</i>
BTS	Biblich-Theologische Studien
BZATW	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft
BZNTW	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft
CB	Coniectanea biblica
CBNTS	Coniectanea biblica, New Testament Series
<i>CBQ</i>	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
CBSS	The Continuum Biblical Studies Series
CCT	Challenges in Contemporary Theology
CGT	Culture, Gender, Theory
CFTL	Clark's Foreign Theological Library
<i>CH</i>	<i>Church History</i>
<i>CI</i>	<i>Critical Inquiry</i>
<i>CIBR</i>	<i>Currents in Biblical Research</i>
CPLE	Critical Perspectives on Literacy and Education
<i>CR</i>	<i>Classical Review</i>
<i>CS</i>	<i>Current Sociology</i>
CSCD	Cambridge Studies in Christian Doctrine
CSHJ	Chicago Studies in the History of Judaism
CSHSup	Comparative Studies in Society and History: Supplements Series
<i>CTM</i>	<i>Concordia Theological Monthly</i>
<i>CV</i>	<i>Communio Viatorum</i>
<i>DR</i>	<i>Downside Review</i>
EH	Europäische Hochschulschriften
<i>EMZ</i>	<i>Evangelische Missions-Zeitschrift</i>
<i>ESGL</i>	<i>Eirene: Studia Graeca at Latina</i>
ESSR	Essays in the Scientific Study of Religion.
<i>EvQ</i>	<i>Evangelical Quarterly</i>
<i>EvT</i>	<i>Evangelische Theologie</i>
<i>ExpT</i>	<i>Expository Times</i>
FBBS	Facet Books Biblical Series
FCNT	Feminist Companion to the New Testament and Early Christian Writings
FE	Fourth Evangelist
<i>FFF</i>	<i>Foundations and Facets Forum</i>

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FFNT	Foundations and Facets: New Testament
FG	Fourth Gospel
FMAS	Foundations of Modern Anthropology Series
FRC	The Family, Religion, and Culture
FRLANT	Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments
GA	General Audience
GAC	<i>The Gospels for All Christians</i>
GBS	Guides to Biblical Scholarship
GBSNTS	Guides to Biblical Scholarship New Testament Series
HFF	Hermenia: Foundations and Facets
HJ	<i>The Heythrop Journal</i>
HJL	<i>Heidelberger Jahrbücher der Literatur</i>
HR	<i>History of Religions</i>
HTCNT	Herders Theological Commentary on the New Testament
HTR	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
HTS	<i>Hervormde Teologiese Studies</i>
HTSS	Hervormde Teologiese Studies Supplementum
HTStud	Harvard Theological Studies
HZ	<i>Historische Zeitschrift</i>
IBRB	Institute for Biblical Research Bibliographies
IBS	<i>Irish Biblical Studies</i>
ICC	The International Critical Commentary
IEJ	<i>Israel Exploration Journal</i>
IJST	<i>International Journal of Systematic Theology</i>
ISBL	Indiana Studies in Biblical Literature
IST	Issues in Systematic Theology
ITL	International Theological Library
ITQ	<i>Irish Theological Quarterly</i>
JAAR	<i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i>
JBL	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
JBLMS	Journal of Biblical Literature Monograph Series
JComm	Johannine Community
JLCR	Jordan Lectures in Comparative Religion
JLT	<i>Journal of Literature and Theology</i>
JR	<i>Journal of Religion</i>
JRA	<i>Journal of Roman Archaeology</i>
JRH	<i>Journal of Religious History</i>
JSHJ	<i>Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus</i>
JSNT	<i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament</i>

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JSNTSup	Journal for the Study of the New Testament: Supplement Series
<i>JSOT</i>	<i>Journal for the Study of the Old Testament</i>
JSOTSup	Journal for the Study of the Old Testament: Supplement Series
JSPSSup	Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha: Supplement Series
<i>JSSR</i>	<i>Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion</i>
<i>JTS</i>	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
KCSS	Key Concepts in the Social Sciences
KEKNT	Kritisch-exegetischer Kommentar über das Neue Testament
KI	Key Idea
<i>KJNTL</i>	<i>Kritisch. Journ. d. neuest. theol. Lit.</i>
LCBI	Literary Currents in Biblical Interpretation
LEC	Library of Early Christianity
LHA	Local, Heterogeneous Audience
LXX	Septuagint
MNTS	McMaster New Testament Studies
<i>MTZ</i>	<i>Münchener Theologische Zeitschrift</i>
NICNT	The New International Commentary on the New Testament
NIDNTT	New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology
<i>NovT</i>	<i>Novum Testamentum</i>
NovTSup	Novum Testamentum, Supplements
NT	New Testament
NTC	The New Testament in Context
NTG	New Testament Guides
NTL	The New Testament Library
NTR	New Testament Readings
<i>NTS</i>	<i>New Testament Studies</i>
NTT	New Testament Theology
NTTS	New Testament Tools and Studies
OBS	Oxford Bible Series
OT	Old Testament
PBTS	Paternoster Biblical and Theological Studies
<i>PCTSA</i>	<i>Proceedings of the Catholic Theological Society of America</i>
<i>PE</i>	<i>Pro Ecclesia</i>
PNTC	Pillar New Testament Commentary

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PTMS	The Pittsburgh Theological Monograph Series
<i>RevExp</i>	<i>Review and Expositor</i>
<i>RHPR</i>	<i>Revue d'histoire et de philosophie religieuses</i>
RNT	Regensburger Neues Testament
RPS	Religious Perspectives Series
<i>RRT</i>	<i>Reviews in Religion and Theology</i>
<i>RSR</i>	<i>Religious Studies Review</i>
RTT	Research in Text Theory
SA	<i>Sociological Analysis</i>
SR	<i>Social Research</i>
SB	Stuttgarter Bibelstudien
SBB	Stuttgarter Biblische Beiträge
SBL	Society of Biblical Literature
SBLMS	Society of Biblical Literature Monograph Series
SBLDS	Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series
SBLRBS	Society of Biblical Literature Resources for Biblical Study
SBL SBS	Society of Biblical Literature Sources for Biblical Study
<i>SBLSP</i>	<i>Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers</i>
SBLSS	Society of Biblical Literature Semeia Studies
SBLSymS	Society of Biblical Literature Symposium Series
SBG	Studies in Biblical Greek
SBT	Studies in Biblical Theology
SC	<i>Second Century: A Journal of Early Christian Studies</i>
SCC	Studies in Creative Criticism
SCH	Studies in Church History
SCL	Sather Classical Lectures
SECT	Sources of Early Christian Thought
SHR	Studies in the History of Religion
SHS	The Scripture and Hermeneutics Series
SJLA	Studies in Judaism in Late Antiquity
<i>SJT</i>	<i>Scottish Journal of Theology</i>
SNTSMS	Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series
<i>SNTU</i>	<i>Studien zum Neuen Testament und seiner Umwelt</i>
SNTW	Studies of the New Testament and Its World
SP	<i>Studia Patristica</i>
SPB	Studia Post-Biblica
SPP	Studies in Philosophical Psychology
SPSH	Scholars Press Studies in the Humanities
SR	<i>Studies in Religion</i>
SSD	Studies in Social Discontinuity

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SSEJC	Studies in Scripture and Early Judaism and Christianity
ST	<i>Studia Theologica</i>
SVC	Supplements to <i>Vigiliae Christianae</i> : Texts and Studies of Early Christian Life and Language
SVSGTR	Sammlung gemeinverständlicher Vorträge und Schriften aus dem Gebiet der Theologie und Religionsgeschichte,
TB	<i>Tyndale Bulletin</i>
TDNT	Theological Dictionary of the New Testament
TEH	Theologische Existenz heute
ThB	<i>Theologische Beiträge</i>
ThR	<i>Theologische Rundschau</i>
ThStud	<i>Theologische Studien</i>
ThZ	<i>Theologische Zeitschrift</i>
TJ	<i>Trinity Journal</i>
TPINTC	Trinity Press International New Testament Commentaries
TS	<i>Theological Studies</i>
TTL	Theological Translation Library
TTS	Theologische Texte und Studien
TU	Texte und Untersuchungen
USQR	<i>Union Seminary Quarterly Review</i>
UUA	Uppsala Universitets Årsskrift
VT	<i>Vetus Testamentum</i>
WBC	Word Biblical Commentary
WD	<i>Wort und Dienst</i>
WMANT	Wissenschaftliche Monographien zum Alten und Neuen Testament
WTJ	<i>The Westminster Theological Journal</i>
WUNT	Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament
ZAW	<i>Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
ZNW	<i>Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
ZWT	<i>Zeitschrift für Wissenschaftliche Theologie</i>