

Christ, the Son of God
Studies in the Gospel of John

The God Man
Lesson 1
John 1

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The Gospel of John

- ▶ Theological – selective history
- ▶ 8 miracles
 - Water to wine (2:1-12)
 - Heal nobleman's son (4:46-54)
 - Heal lame man at pool of Bethesda (5:1-17)
 - Feed 5,000 (6:1-14)
 - Walk on water and still the storm (6:15- 21)
 - Heal man blind from birth (9:1-41)
 - Raise Lazarus from the dead (11:17-45)
 - The great catch of fish (21:4-8)

The Gospel of John

- ▶ Discourses and teaching conversations
- ▶ “I am” statements
 - The Bread of life (6:35, 41, 48, 51)
 - The Light of the world (8:12)
 - The Door of the sheepfold (10:7, 9)
 - The Good Shepherd (10:11, 14)
 - The Resurrection and the Life (11:25)
 - The Way, the Truth, the Life (14:6)
 - True Vine (15:1, 5)
 - “I AM” or “I AM He”

The Gospel of John

- ▶ Purpose: John 20:30-31
 - Believe . . .
 - Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God
 - You may have life in His name

The Gospel of John

- ▶ Prologue (1:1-18) – His Person and His Work
- ▶ Presentation of the Son of God (1:19-4:54)
- ▶ Rejection of the Son of God (5-12)
- ▶ The Son of God ministers to His own (13-17)
- ▶ Trial and death of the Son of God (18-19)
- ▶ Resurrection of the Son of God (20:1-29)
- ▶ Purpose statement (20:30-31)
- ▶ Epilogue (21)

Lesson 1: The God Man

- ▶ Prologue (1:1-18)
- ▶ The witness of John (1:19-34)
- ▶ The witness of 3 disciples (1:35-49)
- ▶ The response of Jesus (1:50-51)

The Prologue (1:1-18)

▶ The Word (1:1-5)

- “I AM the Word” (1:1,14)
- Truth and power
- Was in the beginning
- Was with God
- Was God
- Created all things that have come into existence

▶ The Word is Life

- Life that is the Light of men – not referring to animal or plant life
- Light shines in darkness and is not suppressed
- Darkness is the condition of men in full sunlight (Eph. 2:1)
- Light is the knowledge of God (17:3)
- Light is the life of God (8:12, 14:6)

The Prologue (1:1-18)

- ▶ The witness of John (1:6-8)
- ▶ Sent from God as a witness (Isaiah 40:3)
- ▶ Proclaiming the way of the LORD – life through faith
- ▶ John was not the Light

The Prologue (1:1-18)

- ▶ The true Light (1:9-13)
- ▶ The light enlightens every man
- ▶ The rejection of the Light
 - The world
 - His own
- ▶ The reception of the Light
 - Power to become the children of God
 - Reception of the light is by faith in the Word
 - Reception of the light is not of man, but of God
 - Not Jewish blood
 - Not human ability
 - Not the will of man
 - The will of God

The Prologue (1:1-18)

- ▶ The Word became flesh (1:14-18)
- ▶ A man among men
- ▶ The only begotten from the Father
- ▶ The glory of the Father – full of grace and truth
- ▶ John's witness – more than a mere man
- ▶ His fulness received – grace upon grace – Life & Light
- ▶ An historical clarification
 - Law through Moses
 - Grace and truth through Jesus Christ
- ▶ The only begotten God (Jesus Christ) reveals the Father

The Presentation of Jesus (1:19-34)

- ▶ John's witness raises questions from the Pharisees
- ▶ Not the Christ
- ▶ Not Elijah (Malachi 4:5)
- ▶ Not the Prophet (Deuteronomy 18:15, 18)
- ▶ A voice . . . “make straight the way of the LORD” (Isaiah 40:3)
 - The Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world
 - The Spirit descended upon Him
 - One Who baptizes with the Spirit
 - The Son of God

The Witness of 3 Disciples (1:35-49)

- ▶ Andrew (1:35-42)
 - Behold the Lamb of God
 - Rabbi
 - The Messiah
- ▶ Philip (1:43-45)
 - Follow Me
 - The One of whom Moses (in the Law), and the Prophets spoke
 - Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph
- ▶ Nathanael (1:46-49)
 - Can anything good come out of Nazareth?
 - Jesus' knowledge of him
 - The Son of God; the King of Israel
- ▶ Jesus responds to the faith of Nathanael
 - More to be learned
 - Heavens opened with angels ascending and descending on the Son of Man

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- ▶ Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, the Messiah
- ▶ The Word
- ▶ Light and Life
- ▶ Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph
- ▶ The Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world
- ▶ Faith – the gift of God
- ▶ The witnesses