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