



Big Idea: The Gospel According To John – Read John 1

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This week we began a new series on the Gospel of John, one of the four gospels in the New Testament. The purpose of John when he wrote this was, and still is today, **“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.” John 20:31**

John is very clear from the jump. Jesus is God and life is found in him!

- **The** Gospel according to John. John doesn’t mince words. He declares Jesus is **The way, The truth, and The life** – you can have your experience and your opinion, but there is only one truth.
- The **Gospel** according to John. The Good news needs to be communicated. John wants everyone to know that Jesus came so they might have life everlasting.
- The Gospel **According to** John. This simply reminds us that God uses people! Matthew, Mark & Luke are called the synoptic gospels, meaning they mostly cover the same stuff from their own perspective.
- The Gospel according to **John**. 90% of what John communicates is unique to John. Let’s pay close attention to this Son of Thunder as he unpacks Jesus Christ is God!

Read John 1:1-5... Keep in mind John is talking to a Jewish audience so his opening phrase would have immediately caught their attention. “In the beginning...”, the same as Genesis 1:1, Creator God spoke into existence everything indicating the power of his Word. Over and over again in the creation story the bible says, “And God spoke, and it was so.”

WORD = “Logos” = (Greek) =
“an expression of thought, creative power and authority of God.”

There is no denying what John is communicating throughout chapter one. The divine authority of the Word of God was wrapped in flesh, and he came to earth and lived among us. Read John 1:6-18... That’s Jesus! We were made by Him, and we were made for Him!

"If I find myself with a desire that **nothing in this world** can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that **I was made** for another world." - CS Lewis

Discussion Questions

- What is the purpose of the gospel of John according to John 20:31?
- What do we learn about Jesus in John 1:1-18 and Colossians 1:15-16?
- God’s power is available to make any dead part of our lives wake up and come alive again. Is there a particular area in your life that you feel needs to come alive again? Explain your answer
- How has the Gospel of John impacted your life?

Prayer Focus

Jesus, thank You for being the way the truth and the life and for giving me the ability to live in Your power and authority. Help us, Father, to overcome any unbelief that we may have by taking the steps You’ve made available to us. Today we choose to have faith on You and will live our lives to the fullest measure. Amen

Next Steps

Realize that Jesus will continually search for us. Our doubts won’t keep Jesus away! Take a step to discover who Jesus is. Belief won’t come to us. We have to go to it.

Leader Tip

Encourage your group today by sharing a time when the power of Jesus was evident in your life. Your testimony will help them in their belief!