

## *John Chapter 1:1-18 “Seeing Jesus in the Gospel of John”*

### **Introduction:**

- This book shows us Jesus. Many recommend that the first book to be read in the Bible is the book of John because we see Jesus clearer here than any other place.
- The gospels: John is unique. In no other gospel do we see the divinity of Jesus so clearly. We also see the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit. The privileges of believers another theme here.
- Matthew – Jesus is the King a fulfillment of OT prophecies. Mark – Jesus is a Servant. Luke – Jesus is the perfect Man. John – Jesus is the eternal God.

### **I. Jesus: The Eternal Word of God (Verses 1-18)**

#### **1. Jesus is the Word (1-2, 14)**

- a) He is the very expression and revelation of God, an embodiment of His message of love toward us

✎ *Hebrews 1:1-2* “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; NKJV

✎ *Revelation 19:13* “...His name is called The Word of God.”

#### **2. Jesus is God (1, 18)**

✎ *Titus 2:13* “looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ”

✎ *1 Timothy 3:16* “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh...”

✎ *Hebrews 1:8* “But to the Son He says: “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.”

#### **3. Jesus is the Creator (3, 10)**

✎ *Colossians 1:16-17* “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.”

#### **4. Jesus is the Life (4)**

✎ *John 10:10* “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

✎ *John 14:6* “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

#### **5. Jesus is the Light (4-9)**

✎ *John 8:12* “Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

- ◆ The Darkness did not comprehend it. People who are lost are blind to the light, and do not want to come to the light. You want people to see the light? Preach Jesus!

✎ *2 Corinthians 4:4-6* “whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them... 6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

✎ *John 3:19-20* “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.”

✎ *Ephesians 5:13-14* “But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. 14 Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.”

## 6. Jesus is the Savior (11-13)

a) Those who receive Jesus can be born again and placed into the family of God.

Have you received this wonderful savior that we are talking about this morning?

## 7. Jesus is a Man (14)

a) This is how God came to save us: by becoming one of us.

(i) “The mystery of the humanity of Christ, that He sunk Himself into our flesh, is beyond all human understanding.” Martin Luther

✎ *Philippians 2:5-8* “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

(i) **The Unspeakable Gift** Long ago, there ruled in Persia a wise and good king. He loved his people. He wanted to know how they lived. He wanted to know about their hardships. Often he dressed in the clothes of a working man or a beggar, and went to the homes of the poor. No one whom he visited thought that he was their ruler. One time he visited a very poor man who lived in a cellar. He ate the coarse food the poor man ate. He spoke cheerful, kind words to him. Then he left. Later he visited the poor man again and disclosed his identity by saying, “I am your king!” The king thought the man would surely ask for some gift or favor, but he didn’t. Instead he said, “You left your palace and your glory to visit me in this dark, dreary place. You ate the course food I ate. You brought gladness to my heart! To others you have given your rich gifts. To me you have given yourself!”

## 8. Jesus is Grace Giver (14-17)

a) He is full of glory, grace, and truth

b) He is willing to shower us with His un-ending grace. That is what is meant by “grace upon grace” There is never an end to the grace he will pout out into our lives.

c) Now there is an option. Live under Moses and the law or live under Jesus and His grace.

✎ *Galatians 1:6* “I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel”

✎ *Romans 5:20-21* “Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, 21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

✎ *1 Corinthians 15:10* “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

✎ *Galatians 5:1* “Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.”

✎ *2 Timothy 2:1* “You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”