The Word Became Flesh Sunday December 17, 2017 John 1:1-5 Josh Jones

Main Idea: Find true life in the eternal Son of God

John's thesis statement: John 20:30,31 "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

I. The Word is eternal and divine (John 1:1-2)

- a. The Word is eternal
- b. The Word is in relationship with God
- c. The Word is God (John 1:1, 14)

"God the Father and God the Son have such a unity that they are one God, not two, and such a distinction that they are two persons, not one." – John Piper

- i. Jesus shows his deity through the things he says
 - 1. I am the bread of life (John 6:35, 48, 51)
 - 2. I am the light of the world (John 8:12; 9:5)
 - 3. I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:25)
 - 4. I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6)
 - 5. I am the true vine (John 15:1)
- ii. Jesus shows his deity through the things he did
 - 1. He turned water into wine (John 2)
 - 2. Feeding the 5,000 (John 6:1-15)
 - 3. He walked on water (John 6:16-21)
 - 4. He healed the lame and the sick (John 9)
 - 5. He raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11)

II. The Word is the source of all creation (John 1:3-5)

a. All things were made through the Word

- i. I Corinthians 8:6 "yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist."
- ii. Colossians 1:16 "For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities all things were created through him and for him."
- b. The Word makes God known through creation
 - i. Psalm 19:1-6 "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork..." –vs. 1
 - ii. Romans 1:19-20 "For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse."
- c. The Word gives life and light (vs. 4,5)

III. How will you respond?

- a. The Word leads us to worship
- b. The Word gives us hope
- c. The Word leads us to repentance