

Central Church of Christ
POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

John



A PERIOD OF INTRODUCTION

The Word Who Became Flesh

John 1:1–18 || June 7, 2026

WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here!

We know visiting a church for the first time can feel intimidating.

Our goal is to help you feel at home and **point you to Jesus**.

Here's **what to expect** in our worship today:

We sing acappella (voices only), take the Lord's Supper, offer prayers, and listen to a message from the Bible. **You are welcome to participate with us as** much as you are comfortable.

After worship concludes, we offer **Bible classes for all ages**.

You're welcome to stay and join whichever class fits you best.

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Before the sermon, **children ages 2-7** are invited to a special time called **Wee Worship**, where they can enjoy Bible stories, songs, and age-appropriate activities in a safe, welcoming environment.

June 7: Our relationship with God is a matter of the heart.

Lesson Text: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

For those 8 years old and above, **complete the fill in blanks** in this handout and show the preacher or one of the elders for a special treat or TWO Bible Bucks to spend at Central Park.

SERVICE ORDER

June 7, 2026

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| Announcements | Steve Griggs |
| Call to Worship | Shane Robinson |
| <i>You Are the Song That I Sing</i> | Ross Jordan |
| <i>Shine, Jesus Shine</i> | Ross Jordan |
| Prayer | Darrell Edwards |
| <i>O Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> | Ross Jordan |

Prepare For Communion

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| <i>When We Meet in Sweet Communion</i> | John Cox |
| Communion Prayers | Vince Boling |
| <i>This Little Light of Mine</i> | Josh & Aidan |
| Children's Chat | Josh & Aidan |
| Scripture Reading - John 1:1-18 | Randy Bronson |
| <i>I'll Be a Friend to Jesus</i> | John Cox |
| Sermon | Shane Robinson |
| <i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i> | John Cox |
| Shepherd's Moment | George Brock |

GREETERS

Gary & Becky Duke, Tony & Yvonne Coley

NURSERY

Marlene Brown & Libby Brown

WEE WORSHIP

Becky Duke, Kylie Gray, Sam & Samantha Lewis

SERVE COMMUNION

Kenny Bryant, Mat Sane, Patrick Goble, Carter Goble, Nathan Bennett, Liam Martinez, Greg Smith, Will Smith

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:10-18

“He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’” And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.” (John 1:10-18, NKJV)

The New King James Version. Thomas Nelson, 1982.



KEY WORDS

John 1:1-18

Word (logos) v. 1 — Divine speech and reason; the agent through whom God speaks and acts. John uses it to identify Jesus as God's complete and personal self-expression.

Light (phōs) v. 4 — Illumination that exposes, reveals, and gives life. In John, light represents truth and salvation; darkness represents rejection and spiritual blindness.

Flesh (sarx) v. 14 — Full human nature consisting of body, blood, and soul. "The Word became flesh" means a complete human being, not a partial or temporary visit.

Dwelt (skēnoō) v. 14 — To tabernacle or pitch a tent. Echoes the wilderness tabernacle where God's glory resided among Israel. Jesus is God's glory now dwelling in a human life.

Glory (doxa) v. 14 — The visible weight and radiance of God's presence. What Moses glimpsed on Sinai, the disciples saw in Jesus.

Only Begotten (monogenēs) v. 14 — Unique; one of a kind. Not a reference to origin but to nature. Jesus alone shares the divine nature in a way no one else does.

Declared (exēgeomai) v. 18 — To explain or make known; the root of our word exegesis. Jesus has exegeted the Father. He is the living commentary on who God is.

For more study materials, visit ccocdalton.org/john

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN || WHO IS THIS?

THE WORD WHO BECAME FLESH

John 1:1-18 || June 7, 2026

Before Jesus speaks a single word or performs a single miracle, John wants to set the record straight about who Jesus is, where He came from, and what He came to do. Here are his three answers from the prologue that tell us what we need to know.

Jesus is the Word of God

John 1:1-5 || The Identity of Jesus

He _____ before all creation. In the beginning was the Word — not “came to be” but “was” (1:1a, 3; Gen. 1:1).

He is _____ from the Father. The Word was “with God” — Jesus was “with” the Father before creation (1:1b; 17:5).

He is _____ God. “The Word was God” — same nature as the Father without being the same person (1:1c; 8:58).

Jesus Became Like Us

John 1:6-14 || The Incarnation of Jesus

He is _____ human (1:14a; Heb. 4:15). The Word became flesh and tabernacled among us as a complete human being.

He _____ God’s glory (1:14b; 2 Pet. 1:16-18). The glory that filled the tabernacle walked among the disciples.

He _____ life and light to our world (1:9-11; 3:19; 5:26; 8:12). Jesus stepped into a broken world and was rejected by many who should have recognized Him.

Jesus Came For Us

John 1:12-18 || The Invitation of Jesus

He _____ us a new birth. This birth is not of human will but of God and aimed toward eternal life (1:12-13; 2 Cor. 5:17).

He _____ us grace upon grace. Jesus supplies what the Law anticipated but could not provide (1:16-17; Gal. 3:24-25).

He _____ us the Way. Jesus is the living commentary on who God is. He made the invisible God visible and invites us into fellowship with Him (1:18; 14:9; Heb. 1:1-3).

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John did not write this so that we would know more 'about' Jesus.

He wrote it so that we would 'know' Jesus. Jesus knows you and wants you to know Him.

Identity

I am not an accident.

My life has meaning that no circumstance can take away. I was made by and for the One through whom everything exists.

Incarnation

God is not distant.

Jesus entered a world of hunger, grief, rejection, and pain so that I would never have to face mine alone. He knows. He cares.

Invitation

Jesus is both revealed and offered to me.

In Christ, God came to meet with me; through Christ I can come to meet with God. This is the message of the 'gospel of decision.'

UPCOMING EVENTS

Camp Wetoga

Sun, June 7th - Fri, June 12th

Young @ Heart Fellowship

Sat, June 13th @ 5 PM || @ the Marcus'

Vacation Bible School

Kickoff Sunday, June 14th @ 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

VBS June 15th - 17th (Dinner @ 5:30 PM, VBS 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM)

Tickled Pink

We're tickled pink to sprinkle Lindsey and Justin Croy as they prepare for their baby girl. A table is set up in the main hallway. You can drop off items now through June 14th.

For more information, go to ccocdalton.org/events



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