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John 1:1-18

Message Title: This is Jesus.

Big Idea: Knowledge of Jesus the Christ forces a decision and subsequent actions.

John 20:30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

1. Jesus is the revelation & message of God.
2. Jesus is eternal. (In the beginning Jesus was there.)
3. Jesus is God. (He is not a god but God)
4. Jesus is separate from the Father as a distinct person.
5. Jesus created all things.

Colossians 1:16 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.

4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Katalambanō: lay hold, overtake, grasp, understand

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

Martyria: to be a witness, to testify.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 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.

Incarnation: God with flesh

Skēnoō: tabernacle

15 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.’ ” **16** And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. **17** For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

Exodus 34:5 Now the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. 6 And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,

1. **Make your decision.**
2. **Live accordingly.**
3. **Let Jesus take care of the rest.**

LIFE Group Discussion

General Timeline Guide: (Adjust as appropriate for your group's needs.)

5-10 minutes connecting personally with how everyone is doing.

45 minutes going over message with discussion questions and life applications.

5-10 minutes praying for each other

Discussion Questions

Look over these questions before your group time. Write down your answers or ideas for at least a few questions if not all. You may not get to every question during your time but speak up if you want to talk about one of them in particular. Always try to start with question #1.

1. What stood out to you and/or what do you think God might be speaking about from this message?
2. How could knowing Jesus as Creator actually change how we view people and their purpose or worth?
3. What's the difference between acknowledging Jesus exists or believing facts about Him and biblically receiving and believing in Him?
4. In what ways do you see darkness trying to overcome or obscure the light of Christ in your life? How can you actively choose Jesus instead?
5. Jesus was full of grace and truth. How can we embody both grace and truth in our relationships without compromising one for the other?