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The grand, overarching narrative of scripture:

Creation - Fall - Redemption - Restoration



Jesus Christ

The Living Word and Light of the World

John 1:1-5 & 9-14



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.



There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. 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 those who were His own did not receive Him.



But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even 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 saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.



- Matthew presents Jesus as the fulfillment of scripture.
- Mark presents Jesus as the ultimate Servant-King.
- Luke presents Jesus as the Savior of the World.
- John presents Jesus as the Word of God come into the world as the Light of the World.



“Since in no other person has God become human, died, been raised from death, and been exalted to heaven, there is no other savior, since no-one else possesses his qualifications.”

- John Stott

*The Incomparable Christ*



“In the birth of our Savior, we have received something that is beyond our deserving, beyond our preparations, beyond our human potential, beyond our expectations - that comes to us, in the words of beloved carols, in a ‘silent night,’ in the ‘dark streets,’ ‘in the bleak midwinter,’ in ‘such a world as this,’ to ‘save us all from Satan’s power.’”

- Fleming Rutledge  
*Advent*



“Gospel narratives are telling you not what you should do but what God has done. The birth of the son of God into the world is a gospel, good news, an announcement. You don’t save yourself. God has come to save you.”

- Tim Keller  
*Hidden Christmas*