

John 1:1-18

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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation...all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. (**Colossians 1:15, 16b-17**)*

John 1:1-18: the beginning of John's eyewitness account of the many things Jesus said and did...

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made." (**John 1:1-3**)*

The first thing John wants us to understand is that: Jesus was God.

Jesus Christ is life...and He is light...

*"In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it." (**John 1:4-5**)*

God sent a Forerunner...

*"There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light." (**John 1:6-8**)*

Jesus is the true light for every man...

"The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world." (John 1:9)

Jesus was unknown and rejected...

"He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that which was his own, but His own did not receive Him." (John 1:10-11)

God's grace...new birth and adoption...

"Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." (John 1:12-13)

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1)

God with us...

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

This is God...Jesus is the One and Only...

John testifies concerning Him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made Him known." (John 1:15-18)