John's Incarnation Account



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John 1:1–5 (NIV) — 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:6–8 (NIV) — 6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

John 1:9–13 (NIV) — 9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Life: both physical and spiritual is from Jesus Christ -- apart from Him there is no life

 The "Word" is the divine creation, revelation, and wisdom of God -- personified in Jesus.

A word conveys, expresses, or explains a thought

Jesus is the word of God made flesh – the thoughts of God, expressed to us.

Jesus is the word of light and life for us.

God breaking into our world to bring us eternal life

Jesus is Eternally God

- Jesus is Equally God
- Jesus is Essentially God

• Colossians 2:9 (NIV) — 9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form

Why It Matters That Jesus Christ Is God:

- 1. It Means That We Can Know What God Is Like
- 2. It Means That God Is Like Jesus
- 3. It Means That His Death Is Of Unlimited Value
- 4. It Means That He Is Satisfies The Needs Of Our Heart
- 5. It Means That We Can Trust Him For All Things.

As Creator "He knows just what His creation (His people) need."

 Because He Made It All – He Knows How It Works Best – And For That Same Reason We Can Trust In In All Things

Jesus is the life and light of men

- In Him was life [Not through Him but in Him.]
- He was and is [and has always been] the Source of life.
- LIFE = includes both physical and spiritual life.

The Battle In Life Is Often Light Versus Darkness

- Christ's Light Is Bright -- Darkness Cannot Overcome It
- Darkness Can't Cover, Conceal Or Extinguish It
- Darkness Has Never Understood The Light
- Darkness Has Never Overcome The Light
- Darkness Cannot Extinguish The Light

John Is The Messenger Of The Coming Of Salvation

- He Is Not The Light But He Came To Witness The Light
- John Is A Witness To Christ To Point People To Christ
- We Are Not The Light Yet Like John We Are Witnesses Of It
- Our Testimony Helps Dispel Darkness And Shine The Light

- We Don't Have To Be Attorney's
- We Are Called To Be Witnesses

- Eyewitness Testimonials To Share The Truth
- That All People Through Him -- Might Believe

The True Light Is Messiah

- Jesus the God-Man –Has Come into the world
- He Came To A World That Was In Darkness Yet They Shunned The Light
- The World Did Not Know Him Did Not Get To Know Him
- Did Not Recognize Him

- **2 Corinthians 4:3–4 (NIV) 3** And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. **4** The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
- Sin And Satan Have Blinded Sinners To The Light That Is Christ
- "The Creator came to His own planet, the one He had created and the people of that planet could not and would not recognize and acknowledge Jesus because of their spiritual blindness!" preceptaustin.org/john_111_commentary

Even Though He had performed many signs before them -- they did not believe in Him

"Human nature is the only part of nature that refuses to worship God." J. Courson

There Are Two Applications For Us:

1. Make sure that you're not rejecting the true Light

2. Don't be surprised when people do not respond positively to your witness for Christ

There Is An Answer – A Solution – A Choice

- John 1:12–13 (NIV) 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.
- "Receiving Jesus means that when Jesus offers Himself to you, you welcome Him into your life for what He is." AND WHO HE IS! JOHN PIPER

He Is Savior -- He Is Lord

• He Wants To Lead, Guide, Direct - - For Your Own Good

God Has Come "To Break Into Our World"

Will You Let Him In?

Christians are divided in their views of Christmas.

Some want to give up on it and hand it over to the stores.

 Others want to salvage it and use it to say something important about the birth of Jesus to a weary secular world.

INCARNATION = "Something must have happened here!"

- Something did happen -- God has visited our planet.
- Jesus Christ came to reveal God and to die for our sins (<u>John 1:1-14</u>). It's the best news ever!
- The Lord lived among us that we might live forever with Him.

We Can Rejoice At Christmas.

God Has Broken Into Our World And Our Lives!

To Make The Most Of Christmas, Focus On Christ.