

The Gospel According to JOHN
Believe
John 1:1-18
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The mission of the Apostles was to tell the world about Jesus

Philosophers argued that behind the universe was the logos—a rational but still impersonal transcendent principle that ordered the universe and history.

JESUS THE LOGOS

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 was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:1-4 ESV

Before the beginning, Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, the logos existed.

He(Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:15-17 ESV

Jesus is the agent of creation and He is the glue that holds it all together.

THE WITNESS JOHN THE BAPTIST

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

John 1:6-8 ESV

John's message is clear, before Jesus was conceived in human form in Mary He was with God from before the beginning.

JESUS THE TRUE LIGHT

4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...9The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. John 1:4-5, 9 ESV

The light is available to everyone.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 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 have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:10-14 ESV

We receive Jesus by believing in Him.

We struggled to understand the God who showed Himself in the Old Testament. So He set aside His divine self and came to live with those He created so He could explain to us who He is.

JESUS IS FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. John 1:16-18 ESV

The Law shows us where we have fallen short.

Jesus shows us the grace and truth of God who loves us

