

NOTHING COMPARES

Good News Message Series Week 2

John 1:1-18

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A. Who is Jesus?

1. Jesus is eternal. (John 1:1-2)

“The simple sentence of verse 1 is the most compact and pulsating theological statement in all of Scripture. Jesus was always existing from all eternity as God, in perfect fellowship with God the Father.”

R. Kent Hughes, *John*, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 1999, p. 17.

2. Jesus is creator. (John 1:3)

Long ago God spoke to the fathers by the prophets at different times and in different ways. In these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son. God has appointed Him heir of all things and made the universe through Him.

Hebrews 1:1-2, HCSB

3. Jesus is God. (John 1:1-3)

“Confusion about the deity of Christ is inexcusable, because the biblical teaching regarding it is clear and unmistakable. Jesus Christ is the eternally preexistent Word, who enjoys full face-to-face communion and divine life with the Father, and is Himself God.”

John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: John 1-11*, Moody Publishers, Chicago, IL, 2006, p. 20.

4. Jesus is light. (John 1:4-8)

5. Jesus is fully human and fully God. (John 1:14-18)

“The Greek word for dwelt means ‘tabernacled’ or ‘pitched tent.’ To the Greek reader familiar with the Old Testament, this would have easily brought to mind the Old Testament tabernacle. In a sense, Jesus was God’s new tabernacle. God, in Jesus, dwelt among people. The man living with the disciples was God incarnate.”

Barton, Comfort, Veerman, & Wilson, *Life Application Bible Commentary: John*, Tyndale House Publishers, Carol Stream, IL, 1993, p. 12.

“In a small manger in Bethlehem the eternal Son of God *became* a man. We can hold to this truth—called the incarnation—even if we cannot comprehend all it means. We can affirm that Jesus has always existed (v. 1, he *was* in the beginning) and that there was a definite point in human history when he was born as a baby...Jesus is both fully God and fully human.”

Matt Carter and Josh Wredberg, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in John*, B&H Publishing Group, Brentwood, TN, 2017, p. 22.

B. Why did Jesus come to earth?

So that through belief in His name, we could become children of God. (John 1:9-13)

“All who welcome Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives are reborn spiritually, receiving new life from God. Through faith in Christ, the Holy Spirit changes us from the inside out—rearranging attitudes, desires, and motives. Being born makes us physically alive and places us in our parents’ family (1:13). Being born of God makes us spiritually alive and joins us with God’s family (1:12). The question then becomes, Have you received Christ in order that he can make you a new person? God makes this fresh start in life available to all who believe in Christ.”

Barton, Comfort, Veerman, & Wilson, *Life Application Bible Commentary: John*, Tyndale House Publishers, Carol Stream, IL, 1993, p. 9.