

Light and Life: Jesus in the Gospel of John

Today's message: **Out of Darkness**

Purpose of John's gospel:

John 20:30-31 (ESV)

Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but **these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**

John 1:1-5 (ESV)

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 were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. **In him was life, and the life was the light of men.** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

In the beginning ... Jesus!

Genesis 1:1 (ESV)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Jesus is _____ . Jesus is _____ .

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The Word

1st John 1:1-3 (ESV)

That which was from the beginning, which **we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands,** concerning the word of life – the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us – that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

The “Word” is not just a _____ . He is a _____ .

The final, decisive message of God is _____ .

Revelation 19:13 (ESV)

He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is **The Word of God.**

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John 5:21 (ESV)

For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also **the Son gives life to whom he will.**

John 3:3 (ESV)

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again **he cannot see the kingdom of God.**"

Jesus is the _____ to see and the _____ that is seen!

Ultimate Victory Over Darkness and Death

John 3:16-20 (ESV)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should **not perish** but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be **saved through him**. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: **the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.** For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

Jesus' Face; God's Glory

John 1:9-14 (ESV)

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 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 have seen his glory,** glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

My response:

2nd Corinthians 4:4-6 (ESV)

... the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing **the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ**, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "**Let light shine out of darkness,**" has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the **glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**