

Sermon Outline

The Gospel According to John, Part 1 (John 1:1-18)

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Main Idea: This week Robin opens a new series in the Gospel of John. In today's sermon, we look at the majestic introduction in which we learn that the eternal Son of God, Jesus Christ, became flesh so that all who believe might have life in him.

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1. Intro: John's reason for writing (20:30-31)
2. The Word (1:1-5)
3. The Witness (1:18)
4. The Problem (1:9-13)
5. The Solution (1: 14, 18)

Key Text/Quotes:

"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 anything 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." John 1:1-5

"To as many as received him, who believed in his name, to them he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12

Fellowship Starters:

1. Read John 1:1-18 and 20:24-31 and open in prayer.
2. The eternal, invisible, triune God has chosen to make himself known to his creation. John's Gospel makes both the "how" and "why" explicitly known. How has God revealed himself? Through his Word (Scripture) and his Son (the incarnate Word, Jesus Christ). According to John 20:30-31, why has God revealed himself in these ways?
3. "Life" will be a key word in John's Gospel as he mentions it 39 times. Discuss what it means to have "life in his (Jesus') name."
4. John the Baptist was very important in John's Gospel as he bore "witness" to Jesus as the fulfillment of the OT promises in the Messiah. Witnesses are important to John's Gospel as they point to the reality that Jesus is God. John ends his Gospel pointing to the fact that he himself is a witness of the things he writes about (21:24). Read Acts 1:8 and discuss what Jesus said to his disciples (and therefore to us as his disciples) before he ascended to heaven. What implication does that have for us in our mission as a church?
5. How often do you reflect on the fact that as a Christian, you are a child of God? How might regularly meditating on that and seeking God in his Word encourage you in your Christian walk? Discuss some of the promises God makes to you as your Heavenly Father. (For example, see Ephesians 1:1-14 and Romans 8.)
6. Close your time in prayer together.

