

Jesus Is the LIGHT (John 1:4b)

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Jesus Is GOD (John 1:1-2)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

1. The Existence of the Word – WHEN He Was (*"In the beginning was the Word"*)
2. The Presence of the Word – WHERE He Was (*"and the Word was with God"*)
3. The Essence of the Word – WHAT He Was (*"and the Word was God"*)
4. The Face of the Word – WHO He Was – John 1:14 (*"the Word became flesh"*)

Jesus Is the CREATOR of Everything (John 1:3)

All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

1. The Fact of Jesus' "Creatorship" (*"All things through Him became"*)
2. The Extent of Jesus' "Creatorship" (cp Col 1:15-17)
 - Without him became not one thing which has become.
 - Where (any *place*); What (any *thing*); Who (any *body*)
3. The Purpose of His "Creatorship" – Worship (Rev 4:11); Service (Eph 2:10)
4. The Results of His "Creatorship" – Accountability (Heb 4:13); Authority (Rom 8:39)

Jesus Is LIFE (John 1:4a) – Introduction

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1. Two Words for "Life"
 - βίος – bios – process of life – experience
 - ζωή – zōē – presence of life – existence
2. Two Realms of "Life"
 - Creation – physical life (everyone)
 - New Creation – spiritual life (only the saved)
3. The Opposite of "Life" – Opposite of ζωή (zōē) is death
 - John 5:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life." (cf. Gen 2:17; Eph 2:5)
4. The Full Meaning of "Life"
 - Sin results in DEATH
 - Life requires HOLINESS
5. The Provision of "Life" (John 3:16 – eternal life; 10:10 – abundant life)

Jesus Is LIFE (John 1:4a) – Meaning

1. Jesus is the Originator or Author of Life (John 1:4; 5:26)
2. Jesus is the Restorer of Eternal Life
 - A. LIFE: The POSSESSION of Eternal Life (John 11:25; 14:6; 1 John 5:12)
 - B. LIVING: The FUNCTION of Eternal Life (2 Cor 4:10-12 – life of Jesus manifested)
 - C. ENDING: The FULFILLMENT of Eternal Life
Col 3:4 When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.
3. Who Is Jesus to You?

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John 1:4 In Him was **life**, and the **life** was the **light** of men.

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Jesus has life.
Jesus' life is **the** light to men.

John 1:5 And the **light** shines in the **darkness**, and the **darkness** did not comprehend it.

καὶ τὸ φῶς ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ φαίνει, καὶ ἡ σκοτία αὐτὸ οὐ κατέλαβεν.

1. Jesus' light overcomes darkness.
2. Jesus' light repels darkness.

*ESV: "has not overcome it"
("repels" could mean "comprehend" or "grasp" or "to make one's own" too)*

John 1:7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the **Light**, that all through him might **believe**.

οὗτος ἦλθεν εἰς μαρτυρίαν ἵνα μαρτυρήσῃ περὶ τοῦ φωτός, ἵνα πάντες πιστεύσωσιν δι' αὐτοῦ.

3. Jesus' light requires belief.
4. Jesus' light requires belief by all.

John 1:8 He was not that **Light**, but was *sent* to bear witness of that **Light**.

οὐκ ἦν ἐκεῖνος τὸ φῶς, ἀλλ' ἵνα μαρτυρήσῃ περὶ τοῦ φωτός.

5. Jesus' light requires witnessing.

John 1:9 That was the true **Light** which **gives light** to every man coming into the world.

Ἦν τὸ φῶς τὸ ἀληθινόν, ὃ φωτίζει πάντα ἄνθρωπον, ἐρχόμενον εἰς τὸν κόσμον.

6. Jesus' light is the true light.
7. Jesus' light has its imposters.
8. Jesus' light is available to all.
9. Jesus' light is needed by all.