

Series: That You Might Believe (John)
Jesus Is the LIGHT (John 1:4b)

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ἐν αὐτῷ ζωὴ ἦν, καὶ ἡ ζωὴ ἦν τὸ φῶς τῶν ἀνθρώπων·

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

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

1. Two Words for "Life" (bios – process – experience; zōē – presence of life – existence)
2. Two Realms of "Life" (creation – physical life [everyone]; new creation – spiritual life)
3. The Opposite of "Life" – Opposite of ζωή (zōē) is death (John 5:24; Gen 2:17; Eph 2:5)
4. The Full Meaning of "Life" (Sin → 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 FULLFILLMENT of Eternal Life (Col 3:4)
3. Who Is Jesus to You?

Jesus Is the LIGHT (John 1:4b) – 9 Observations

1. 1:5 – Jesus' light overcomes darkness.
2. 1:5 – Jesus' light repels darkness. (ESV: "has not overcome it")
("repels" could mean "comprehend" or "grasp" or "to make one's own" too)
3. 1:7 – Jesus' light requires belief.
4. 1:7 – Jesus' light requires belief by all.
5. 1:8 – Jesus' light requires witnessing.
6. 1:9 – Jesus' light is the true light.
7. 1:9 – Jesus' light has its imposters.
8. 1:9 – Jesus' light is available to all.
9. 1:0 – Jesus' light is needed by all.

God Gives His Son (John 3:16-18)

1. God's ACTION – What Did God Do? (16)
2. God's INTENTION – Why Did God Do It? (17)
3. Our DECISION – What Must I Do? (18) – Two Categories of People

God's Light Reveals (John 3:19-21)

1. Condemnation – Why Are People Under Judgment? (19a)
2. Rejection – Because They Loved Darkness rather than the Light (19b)
3. Explanation – Two Categories of Deed-Doers
 - a. Those that Practice Evil
 - Hate the light - Do not come to the light - To avoid deed evaluation
 - b. Those that Do the Truth
 - Come to the light – To have deeds evaluated – To have deeds affirmed

Jesus Is the LIGHT: Believe It and Live It (John 8-12)

Live the Light	
John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not <u>walk</u> in darkness, but have the light of life."	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jesus is THE Light. 2. Jesus' Light is for LIVING. 3. Jesus' Light is to be FOLLOWED.
John 11:9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone <u>walks</u> in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. John 11:10 "But if one <u>walks</u> in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Jesus' Light is to DIRECT our way. 5. Jesus' Light is to PROTECT our way. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Without it we STUMBLE.
John 12:35 Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. <u>Walk</u> while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who <u>walks</u> in darkness does not know where he is going."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Without it we walk in DARKNESS. • Without it we walk in IGNORANCE.
Believe the Light	
John 12:36 "While you have the light, <u>believe</u> in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them. John 12:46 "I have come <u>as a</u> light into the world, that whoever <u>believes</u> in Me should not abide in darkness."	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The offer of Light is not FORCED 2. The offer of Light is not INDEFINITE. 3. Believing the light results in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becoming SONS of light • Freedom from DARKNESS.