

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

1. 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"*)

2. 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)

3. Jesus Is LIFE (John 1:4a)

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

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?

4. 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. 1:10 – 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 walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

1. Jesus is THE Light.
2. Jesus' Light is for LIVING.
3. Jesus' Light is to be FOLLOWED.

John 11:9-10 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

4. Jesus' Light is to DIRECT our way.
5. Jesus' Light is to PROTECT our way.
 - Without it we STUMBLE.

John 12:35 Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.

- Without it we walk in DARKNESS.
- Without it we walk in IGNORANCE.

BELIEVE THE LIGHT

John 12:36 "While you have the light, believe 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 as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

1. The offer of Light is not FORCED
2. The offer of Light is not INDEFINITE.
3. Believing the light results in
 - Becoming SONS of light
 - Freedom from DARKNESS.

How to Walk in God's Light (1 John 1:5—2:2)

Two Truths About God (1:5)

Truth #1: God is LIGHT – Light is... (what is true, what is holy)

Truth #2: In Him is NO DARKNESS at all

Am I Fellowshiping with God, Who Is Light?

1. By What Means Do I WALK?
2. I Am to Walk By Means of God's Light (1:7-8)
3. I Am to Say the Same Thing about Sins as God Does (1:9-10)
4. I Am to Reject Every Sin (2:1-2)