

Series: That You Might Believe (John)
Jesus Is...: A Summary of John 1:1-18

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)

Jesus Is the LIGHT: What Happens (John 1:5)

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

1. **ACTIVE** – The light shines
2. **EFFECTIVE** – In the darkness
3. **INVINCIBLE** – And the darkness did not comprehend it.

Bible Study Challenge – Differing Possible Meanings of a Word:

- Not understood
- Not received
- Not overcome

Jesus Is the Testified Word (John 1:6-8)

Jesus Is the TRUE Light (1:9a)

1. Jesus Is the **TRUE** Light
2. There Must Be **FALSE** Lights
3. The Bible Gives Us **Warnings!**
Mat 7:15-16 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.... You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?
4. The Bible Gives Us Instructions (Gal 1:8, Col 2:6-8)

Jesus Is the Light that Shines On All Men (1:9b)

Jesus Is the Rejected and Received Word (1:10-12)

Jesus Is the Real, Experienced Word (John 1:14-16)

1. The Word Was Physically **Present** (14a)
2. The Word Was Divinely **Pointed Out** (14b)
3. The Word Was Verbally **Proclaimed** (15)
4. The Word Was Personally **Experienced** (16)

Jesus Is the Creator of Grace and Truth (1:17)

MOSES & THE LAW: The Law Was Given Through Moses

- **PICTURE**: The Law Was an Introduction and Representation of What Was to Follow
- **TEACHER**: The Law Was a Tutor to Bring Us to Christ
- **MEASURE**: The Law Was a Revealer to Make Us Aware of Our Sin

JESUS & GRACE & TRUTH: Grace and Truth "Became" Through Jesus Christ

- The **Savior**: Jesus Came to Rescue Us from the Results of Sin and the Law
- The **Solution**: Jesus Fulfilled the Law So That We Could Be Saved by Grace
- The **Standard**: Grace Is the New Measure by Which We Live
- The **Source**: Jesus as God Is the Source of Truth for Saving and for Living

Jesus Is the Explainer of the Unseen God (John 1:18)

1. No one has seen **God** [the **Father**]
2. Jesus is **God Who Took on a Form** that Could Interact with **Man**
3. Jesus is **THE One Who**:
 - a. **knows** God the Father
 - b. **shares** omniscience with God
 - c. came to accurately **explain** God in detail (John 3:16)
 - d. is "the **way**, truth, life" (John 14:6)
 - e. is the "**One** mediator" between God and man (1 Tim 2:5-6)