



JOHN 1 PART 1

"In the beginning..."

WHO IS JESUS?

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." JOHN 10:10

CONTEXT

GOSPELS:	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
PORTRAIT:	Mighty King	Humble Servant	Son of Man	SON OF GOD
ORDER WRITTEN:	2	1	3	4
KEY VERSE:	Matthew 21:4-5	Mark 10:45	Luke 19:10	John 20:31
WRITTEN TO:	The Jews	The Romans	The Greeks	EVERYONE!

JOHN 1:1-13

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.



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WHY MASTER THIS MATERIAL?

More than half a century ago, while I was still a child, I recall hearing a number of older people offer the following explanation for the great disasters that had befallen Russia: **Men have forgotten God; that's why all this has happened.** - ALEKSANDR SOLZHENITSYN

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THREE ESSENTIAL TRUTHS ABOUT JESUS

1

(vv. 1-3)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (v. 1)

“Through him all things were made...” (v. 3)

7 “I AM” STATEMENTS

- ▶ “I am the bread of life.” (6:35)
- ▶ “I am the light of the world.” (8:12)
- ▶ “I am the gate.” (10:7)
- ▶ “I am the good shepherd.” (10:11)
- ▶ “I am the resurrection and the life.” (11:25)
- ▶ “I am the way and the truth and the life.” (14:6)
- ▶ “I am the true vine.” (15:1)

2

(vv. 4-12)

▶ He came to _____ – _____

“**The light shines** in the darkness, and the **darkness has not overcome it.**” (v. 5)

▶ He came to _____ – _____

“He (John the Baptist) came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him **all might believe.**” (v. 7)

▶ He came to _____ – _____

“Yet to all who did receive him... he gave **the right** to become children of God.” (v. 12)

3

(vv. 14-18)

“The **Word became flesh** and made his dwelling among us. **We have seen his glory**, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, ‘This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”) Out of his fullness **we have all received grace** in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; **grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.** No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.”