

SERMON NOTES

John 1:1-18 - Who is Jesus?

How does Jesus relate to God? The Word

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. (1:1-2)

How does Jesus relate to the world? Light

In Jesus was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (1:4-5)

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. (1:9)

How does Jesus relate to you? Grace "Full of Grace and Truth"

Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ...grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (1:16-17)

What difference does it make in your life?

Children of God

These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31



What is your familiarity with the Gospel of John?

Review the sermon. What were the main points?
What stood out to you or raised questions for you?

Compare **John 1:1-2** with **Genesis 1:1-3** – what do you see?

God created by speaking in Genesis 1, consider also **Psalm 107:19-20**, and **147:15**. How does understanding Jesus as the “Word” deepen your understanding of Jesus?

When have you gotten into a difficult situation because of a lack of light?

What light does Jesus bring into the world? What difference does it make? Read both **John 1:4-9** and **John 3:19-21**, how do these two passages fit together for you?

Why is important that Jesus is filled with both grace and truth? (vs14)

In some places the Law of Moses is presented as a negative (**Romans 7:5-19**), but in **John 1:16-17** it seems to be referred to as a grace/blessing. How is the law of the Old Testament a grace/blessing from God?

How is it incomplete?

How does Jesus transform the law for us?

What does it mean to be “born of God” to you?

Prayer:

Jesus, I believe that you are the Son of God and came to the earth full of grace and truth, bringing the Light of God to a dark and broken world. I believe you died for me, and through you I am adopted by the Father, guided by you, and given power by the Spirit. Thank you for new life! Amen.