

God In The Flesh

John 1:1-14

God Is Who He Says He Is

A. Jesus Is God (1:1-5)

1. He is the beginning (1:1)

Revelation 1:8

2. He has not changed (1:2)

Malachi 3:6

3. He is the Creator (1:3)

Colossians 1:16

Revelation 4:11

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A. Jesus Is God (1:1-5)

4. He is the Life (1:4a)

a. Gives physical life

Psalm 119:73

Job 33:4

b. Gives eternal life

1 John 5:11

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A. Jesus Is God (1:1-5)

5. He is the Light (1:4b - 5)

a. The source

2 Corinthians 4:6

b. The strength

Ephesians 5:14

c. The stumblingblock

1 Corinthians 1:23

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B. John The Baptist Is Not Jesus (1:6-9)

1. His mortal being (1:6)

Luke 7:28

2. His mission (1:7-8)

Isaiah 40:3

3. His message (1:9)

Luke 3:15-16

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C. Jesus Is The God-Man (1:10-14)

1. His presence (1:10)

1 Timothy 1:15

2. His people (1:11)

John 8:52

John 9:29

3. His power (1:12)

Romans 1:16

4. His performance (1:13)

1 Timothy 2:4-6

5. His person (1:14)

1 Timothy 3:16

The Voice
John 1:15-34

Listen To The Messenger Of God

John 1:15-34

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18 No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

John 1:15-34 - continued

19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

John 1:15-34 - continued

23 He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

24 And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

John 1:15-34 - continued

28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

John 1:15-34 - continued

33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

I. John Knew For Whom He Was Witnessing (1:15-18)

A. His decision (1:15a)

B. His declaration (1:15b-16)

1. Of Christ's position (v 15b)

2. Of Christ's power (v 16)

C. His discernment (1:17-18)

1. Of something better (v 17)

2. Of someone bigger (v 18)

II. John Knew Who He Was (1:19-24)

A. To answer the critics (1:19-22)

1. When confronted (v 19)

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

II. John Knew Who He Was (1:19-24)

A. To answer the critics (1:19-22) - continued

2. When challenged (vv 20-22)

Mark 11:28

And say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things?

1 Peter 2:15

For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

II. John Knew Who He Was (1:19-24)

B. To accept God's purpose (1:23-24)

1. Scripturally

Jeremiah 1:9

Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

2. Spiritually

Titus 1:9

Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

III. John Knew What He Was Doing (1:25-28)

A. Because he executed God's Word (1:25)

John 9:4

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

B. Because he expected God's work (1:26)

Titus 2:13

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

III. John Knew What He Was Doing (1:25-28)

C. Because he esteemed God's worth (1:27-28)

2 Chronicles 2:6

But who is able to build him an house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who am I then, that I should build him an house, save only to burn sacrifice before him?

IV. John Knew Who He Was Looking For (1:29-34)

A. You must be looking to find Christ (1:29)

Jeremiah 29:13

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

IV. John Knew Who He Was Looking For (1:29-34)

B. You will know when you find Christ (1:30-33)

1. With humility (v 30)

James 4:6

But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

2. When you are doing the will of God (v 31)

Hebrews 10:36

For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

IV. John Knew Who He Was Looking For (1:29-34)

**B. You will know when you find Christ (1:30-33)
(continued)**

3. When revealed by the Holy Spirit (vv 32-33)

John 6:44

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

C. You will tell others Who you found (1:34)

Are We Listening?