

Calvary Chapel Viewpoint

H.I.S. Men

(Honor – Integrity – Service)

Study in John

The Word Became Flesh

John 1:1–18 (ESV)

- ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- ² He was in the beginning with God.
- ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.
- ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.
- ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
- ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.
- ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.
- ⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.
- ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.
- ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.
- ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,
- ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.
- ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ”)
- ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.
- ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
- ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

The most important question that we will ever have to answer is, “What are you going to do with Jesus Christ?” Our eternal destiny depends upon our answer. If Jesus Christ was only a man, then you can safely forget Him. If He is God, that’s a totally different story. John is going to show us and explain to us exactly who Jesus is—in John 1:1-2. He is God.

What do we know about the book of John?

- *It is one of the four Gospels.*
- *John stands alone among the Gospels. Matthew, Mark, and Luke are the Synoptic Gospels (means “seeing together”). They are very much alike in language, material they cover, and order of events. Much of what is contained in one is contained in the others. The synoptics emphasize what Jesus did and where He went. John is different. John emphasizes who Jesus is—the deity of Christ. He is God, the second person of the Trinity.*
- *There are significant events in the ministry of Jesus that Matthew, Mark, and Luke include that John leaves out, including Jesus’ birth, baptism, temptation in the wilderness, the Last Supper, the agony in Gethsemane, and the Ascension.*
- *There are no parables in the Gospel of John.*
- *Only seven miracles are included in John—of the 40 total miracles recorded.*

What do we know about John (the author)?

- *One of the 12 apostles.*
- *One of the Sons of Thunder (other son was his brother James).*
- *He referred to himself as “the disciple Jesus loved.”*
- *He reclined next to Jesus at the Last Supper.*

John also wrote which other books of the Bible?

Who else wrote five or more books of the Bible?

How many apostles wrote Gospels?

What was John's purpose?

What is "the Word" referred to three times in John 1:1?

How do you know?

Where else do we read "in the beginning"?

Is John 1:1 referring to the same "beginning"?

What do verses 1 & 2 tell us about the nature of Jesus?

What does verse 14 tell us about the nature of Jesus?

What work does verse 3 attributes to Jesus?

How is Christ the true light of *every* man (verses 4 & 9)?

Application: How/in what ways is Jesus your light? What does that mean?

Verse 11 says Jesus came to His own. What group of people was He referring to?

The Jews had been waiting for hundreds of years for the Messiah to come. Why did they not recognize Jesus?

Application: Why don't people recognize Jesus today?

What do we see about rejection in verse 12?

How does one receive Jesus?

What are the two types of births referred to in verse 13?

What does John mean by "born of God"?

How is this unique to Christianity?

A man named John is mentioned in verses 6 and 15. Who is he?

What is his purpose?