

# CHAPTER 1

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# OUTLINE of JOHN Chapter 1

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## A. The Pre-Incarnate Christ (1:1-5)

- 1) His Relationship to the Father (1:1-2)
- 2) His Relationship to the World (1:3-5)

## B. The Incarnate Christ (1:6-51)

- 1) The Man Sent - Forerunner (1:6-9)

2) The Mission (1:10-13)

3) The Miracle (1:14)

4) The Men (1:15-51)

I. Witness of John the Baptist (1:19-36)

II. Witness of Andrew (1:37-42)

III. Witness of Philip (1:43-46)

IV. Witness of Nathanael (1:47-51)

# THE PRE-INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:1-5

## 1) His Relationship to the Father (1:1-2)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.”

### A. Christ's ETERNALITY is declared.

- 1) Adam was CREATED
- 2) Eve was FORMED
- 3) Mankind was PROCREATED
- 4) Christ was **INCARNATED**

# THE PRE-INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:1-5

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B. Christ's DEITY is declared - He is God.

“WORD”, as a title for the Lord, is used only by John:

- Gospel - “Word” (Jn. 1:1,14) PAST
- Epistle - “Word of Life” (1Jn. 1:1) PRESENT
- Revelation - “Word of God” (Rev. 19:13) FUTURE

# THE PRE-INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:1-5

## 2) His Relationship to the World (1:3-5)

- The Word created all things that were created.
- Therefore, He Himself is an **Uncreated Being**.
- “...all things were created through Him and for Him.”  
Col. 1:16
- The Word is the source of all life, not only biological life, but the very **principle of life**.
  - The Greek word life is ‘zoe’, which means “the life principle,” not ‘bios’, which is mere biological life.

# THE PRE-INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:1-5

## 2) His Relationship to the World (1:3-5)

“The life was the light of men...”

- It isn't that the Word “contains” life and light; **HE IS** life and light.
- Therefore, without Him we are dead and in darkness.
- F. F. Bruce “In the 1<sup>st</sup> creation, ‘darkness was upon the face of the deep’ until God called light into being, so the new creation involves the banishing of spiritual darkness by the light which shines in the WORD.”

# THE PRE-INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:1-5

## 2) His Relationship to the World (1:3-5)

“The life was the light of men...”

- Where is this light for men to be found?
- Life itself is the light to men.
- That we live is the evidence (light) that God is and that He made us.
- Hence why Life comes before Light.

# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## 1) The Man Sent - Forerunner (1:6-9)

- Likely, John the forerunner's teaching was widespread and well received. Some may have assumed him to be the Messiah. (Apollos?)
- But he came to bear witness to the Light of God.
- We know him as 'John the Baptist' but in John's Gospel he is the key witness to Jesus Christ as the Messiah.
- All ministers, no matter how engaging or well received must point only to Christ - not themselves.



Humility is not thinking less of  
yourself, it's thinking of yourself  
less.

— *C. S. Lewis* —

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# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## 2) The Mission (1:10-13)

- Christ came unto His own **Kingdom** - the created world.
  - HE stepped into what He had made, Matter, Time and Space.
- But His own **People** did not receive Him - created man.
  - The very creatures that He made and sustains, rejected and cried, “Crucify Him, crucify Him we will not have this man to reign over us.” Lk. 23:21

# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## 2) The Mission (1:10-13)

- Yet He still came to save **Mankind** through a **Unique Birth!**
  - “born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.” Jn. 1:13
- 1) Not of “Bloods” pl. - i.e., not of descent from Abraham.
  - 2) Not of “Flesh” - and its lusts.
  - 3) Not of “Man” - from man’s will in adopting a child.

# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## 2) The Mission (1:10-13)

- We were born of the **will of God!**
- This mirrors the incarnation:
- Adam was **CREATED**, Eve was **FORMED**, Mankind was **PROCREATED...**
- But Christ was **INCARNATED**

# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## 3) The Miracle (1:14)

- This is John's most startling statement so far!
- It would have amazed both the **Jew** and the **Greek** to hear that the **Word became flesh**.
- The **Greeks** thoughts of God were too low.
- To them gods such as Zeus were simply super-men; they were not equal to the order and reason of the **Logos (Word)** -the principle of divine knowledge and reason.

# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## 3) The Miracle (1:14)

- The **Jews** thought of God as too high to be flesh.
- Jews could hardly accept that the great God revealed in the Old Testament could take on mere human form.
- Both these groups thought God was too low or too high, for the **Word** to become **flesh**!
- And then above all that - He **tabernacled** among us - He walked/talked, ate/slept, and “was in all points tested as we are, yet sin apart”! Heb. 4:15

# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## 3) The Miracle (1:14)

- “If God has come to dwell among men by the Word made flesh let us pitch our tents around: this central tabernacle; do not let us live as if God were a long way off.” (Spurgeon)

# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## 3) The Men (1:15-51)

### I. Witness of John the Baptist (1:19-36)

- He is the **Revealer** of God and **Redeemer** of man.

### II. Witness of Andrew (1:37-42)

- He is the **Messiah**.

### III. Witness of Philip (1:43-46)

- He is fulfillment of the **Promise** (Old Testament).

### IV. Witness of Nathanael (1:47-51)

- He is **Son of God** the **King of Israel**.

# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## 3) The Men (1:15-51)

- Note the Progression of Revelation:
  - He is the **Revealer** of God and **Redeemer** of man.
  - He is the **Messiah**.
  - He is fulfillment of the **Promise** (Old Testament).
  - He is **Son of God** the **King of Israel**.

# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## Witness of John the Baptist (1:29)

“Behold, the **Lamb of God**, who takes away the sin of the world!”

- The sacrificial lamb was a well-known concept in the OT.
- At the institution of the Passover, we read of:
  - “**A** lamb” Ex. 12:3
  - “**The** Lamb” Ex. 12:4
  - “**Your** Lamb” Ex. 12:5

# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## Lamb of God

- Abraham said to Issac, on the way up to mount Moriah, “God will provide for **Himself the lamb** for a burnt offering.” Gen. 22:8
- However, the **Lamb of God** is only found in the NT.
- Further the magnitude of the sacrifice of this Lamb was far, far greater than ever conceived before.
- In the OT there is an interesting progression of the Lamb.

# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## Lamb of God

- In Abel's day we are introduced for the first time to the concept of the sacrificial lamb.
- "...Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock... And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering." Gen. 4:3-4

# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## Lamb of God

- A blood sacrifice is required for sin.
- The penalty of sin is costly; thus, atonement for sin is costly too.
- Note that God states He had regard for Abel first.
- The value of the offering was applied to the man.
- A **Lamb for a man.**

# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## Lamb of God

- For the Passover, Moses was commanded that, “... every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household.” Ex. 12:3
- The NT corollary to this is found in Paul's response to the Philippian Jailor - “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” Act. 16:31
- A **Lamb for a Family**.

## The Passover lamb - Ex. 12:

1. “if the household is too small for a lamb...” vs.4

### Sufficient Lamb

2. “...anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.” vs.10

### Sacrificial Lamb

3. “when I see the blood, I will pass over you” vs.13

### Satisfying Lamb

# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## Lamb of God

- On the Day of Atonement, “...in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with a bull from the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering... this shall be a statute forever for you, that atonement may be made for the people of Israel.” Lev. 16:3 & 34
- Aaron offered a bull for his sins.

# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## Lamb of God

- Then he offered a ram (male) for the sins of the people.
- But this only atoned (covered) sin for a time.
- A **Lamb for a Family.**

# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## Lamb of God

- In the OT economy, provision was made for the atonement of the sins of a:
- A **Man** - Gen 4
- A **Family** - Exodus 12
- A **Nation** - Leviticus 16

# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## Lamb of God

- But now, in Christ, the true Lamb of God, the scope of forgiveness is **not limited** by time, person or quantum!
- “I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation **to everyone** who believes...” Rom 1:16.

# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## Lamb of God

- Christ's sacrifice is applicable to the entire world - "kosmos".
- The entire universe will be put right by Him.
- "...to reconcile to Himself (Christ) all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross" Col. 1:20

# THE INCARNATE CHRIST

John 1:6-51

## 7 Titles of the Lord in John Chapter 1

- 1) Lamb of God
- 2) Son of God
- 3) Son of Man
- 4) Rabbi
- 5) Messiah
- 6) King of Israel
- 7) Jesus of Nazareth