

**GOOD TIDINGS FROM 4 GOSPELS**  
**“Jesus Christ, the Son of God**  
**Gospel of John**

**Big Idea – John presents Jesus Christ as Son of God, absolutely totally God; as the God-man living in a human body.**

All of the Gospels give God’s good news about Jesus Christ. However, each one of the Gospels unveils a different view or perspective of who Jesus Christ is:

Matthew – Christ as the promised King, Messiah of Israel. (Genealogy recorded 1:1-17, son of Abraham, son of David).

Mark – Christ as the Servant, Prophet. (Genealogy not recorded, as servants’ genealogies did not matter).

Luke – Christ as the Son of Man, the perfect man walking among the people. (Genealogy recorded 3:23-38, son of David, son of Abraham).

John – Christ as Son of God, absolute total God, the God-man living in a human body. (Genealogy – Eternally existent).

In John chapter 20 the apostle John tells us why he wrote his book:

John 20:30 “...Jesus did many other miracles in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;  
31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”

John goes on to show how some people ignored Him, some rejected Him, and some believed on Him. Turn to John’s Gospel, chapter 1

John 1:1 In the beginning there was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was with God in the beginning.

3 All things were made by him, and nothing was made without him.

4 In him there was life, and that life was the light of all people.

5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it.

6 There was a man named John who was sent by God.

7 He came to tell people the truth about the Light so that through him all people could hear about the Light and believe.

8 John was not the Light, but he came to tell people the truth about the Light.

9 The true Light that gives light to all was coming into the world!

10 The Word was in the world, and the world was made by him, but the world did not know him.

11 He came to the world that was his own, but his own people did not accept him.

12 But to all who did accept him and believe in him he gave the right to become children of God.

13 They did not become his children in any human way—by any human parents or human desire. They were born of God.

14 The Word became a human and lived among us. We saw his glory—the glory that belongs to the only Son of the Father—and he was full of grace and truth.

Notice 6 things John shows about Jesus Christ, God's Son

### **1. The eternal Christ – John 1:1 – 3**

John 1:1 In the beginning there was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was with God in the beginning.

3 All things were made by him, and nothing was made without him.

Why call Jesus the “Word” ? Because both Jews and Greeks understood the phrase. O.T. Jews were used to hearing this phrase used for God Himself. Gen. 15:1 “After these things the **word** of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.”

Greeks used the phrase to describe the super power they believed in as “god” which had will, power, and reason; the force they called the “Word”

John said this “Word” was God. Jesus Himself claimed this

Jesus also made everything – He was Creator of all things

Hebrew 1:1, 2 God, who in time past spoke to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son... by whom also He made the worlds.

## 2. The Life-giving Christ – John 1:4, 5

John 1:4 In him there was life, and that life was the light of all people.

5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it.

He is the only source of Life and Light

John 5:21 For just as the Father gives life to those he raises from the dead, so the Son gives life to anyone he wants.

22 In addition, the Father judges no one. Instead, he has given the Son absolute authority to judge,

23 so that everyone will honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son is certainly not honoring the Father who sent him.

24 “I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.

John 8:12 “I am the light of the world...”

John 14:6 “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life...”

1 John 5:10 “All who believe in the Son of God know in their hearts that this testimony is true. Those who don’t believe this are actually calling God a liar because they don’t believe what God has testified about his Son.

11 And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God’s Son does not have life.

13 I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.”

2 John 7 says anyone who denies this is false

“For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.”

Jn. 3:19 tells why people prefer darkness to the Light, because their deeds are evil

### **3. The heralded Christ – John 1:6 – 8**

John 1:6 There was a man named John who was sent by God.

7 He came to tell people the truth about the Light so that through him all people could hear about the Light and believe.

8 John was not the Light, but he came to tell people the truth about the Light.

John the Baptist was the greatest man who ever lived (until Jesus came). He was a witness to God's truth (Jn. 5:32-35),

You and I have the opportunity and privilege to also be a witness, someone who tells what they know

### **4. The Unrecognized Christ – John 1:9 – 11**

John 1:9 The true Light that gives light to all was coming into the world!

10 The Word was in the world, and the world was made by him, but the world did not know him.

11 He came to the world that was his own, but his own people did not accept him.

All men have the light given to them by God – Rom. 1:19,20; when they live up to that light God gives them more light through His Son Jesus Christ.

Satan, on the other hand, blinds men's minds to the Gospel – 2 Cor. 4:4, because he does not want them to come to the light and be saved

### **5. The Omnipotent Christ – John 1:12, 13**

John 1:12 But to all who did accept him and believe in him he gave the right to become children of God.

13 They did not become his children in any human way—by any human parents or human desire. They were born of God.

He has all power (Matt. 28:18), to save and make become Sons of God “as many as receive” Him and believe on Him.

What does it mean to believe “on” someone?

Notice that it says your earthly family can’t give you a spiritual birth.

## 6. **The incarnate Christ** – John 1:14

John 1:14 The Word became a human and lived among us. We saw his glory—the glory that belongs to the only Son of the Father—and he was full of grace and truth.

This verse sums everything up in one verse- The Word became flesh; infinity became finite in Christ.

Why? Because man could not leave his world and get to God, so God left His world and came to man.

“Incarnation” means God in the flesh.

Christ showed “His glory” physically, by living among man 33 years.

Christ showed “His glory” spiritually - in all the attributes of God,

love, mercy, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, His glory is revealed. Peter and John saw His glory revealed on the Mt. of Transfiguration.

Jesus has two kinds of glory:

Essential glory, in that He is the essence of God

Moral glory, “full of grace and truth” the two composites of salvation – for by grace you are saved when you believe the truth about Jesus Christ.