

Seeing Jesus in the Word (John 1:1-18)

The Book of Life – Part 2
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John 5:39-40 (NIV) You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

1 John 1:1 (NIV) 1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

Luke 24:27, 44 (NIV) And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

1. Jesus is the _____ of life

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

A. Jesus _____ everything

John 1:3 (NIV) Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

B. Jesus' _____ shines in the darkness

John 1:4-5 (NIV) In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

2. Many don't _____ Jesus

John 1:10 (NIV) He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

A. Many don't _____ Jesus

John 1:11 (NIV) He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

B. All who receive Jesus are _____ of God

John 1:12-13 (NIV) Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

3. Jesus is the Word in _____

John 1:14 (NIV) The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

A. Jesus brings _____ and truth

John 1:17 (NIV) For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

B. Jesus has _____ God

John 1:18 (NIV) No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

Hebrews 1:1-2 (NIV) In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

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Intro. A large majority (79%) of Americans believe they are knowledgeable about the Bible, but 54% cannot name the first 5 books of the Bible. What should be our assumptions in talking to people about God's Word?

What is the relationship between the Scriptures, Jesus and eternal life (John 5:39-40)?

Why does John called Jesus "the Word of life" (1 John 1:1)?

Why is it important to see Jesus in all of the Bible (Luke 24:27,44)?

1A. What incorrect assumptions about Jesus does John 1:1-3 dispel?

1B. In what ways is Jesus, the Word, the light of men (John 1:4-5)?

1C. What kind of daily Bible reading plan are you on or would you like to begin?

2A. Why do you think that many do not recognize or receive Jesus (John 1:10-11)?

2B. How are receiving Jesus and receiving the truth of God's Word related (John 1:12-13)?

2C. What should your heart attitude be in receiving Jesus in the Word (Matthew 13:1-23)?

3A. How would you explain the phrase "the Word became flesh" to someone who didn't understand the Bible (John 1:14)?

3B. Explain the contrast between Moses and Jesus described in John 1:17)?

3C. In what ways has Jesus made God the Father known (John 1:18)?

3D. Why is it important to begin your study of the Bible by understanding Jesus (Hebrews 1:1-2)?

3E. How are your love for Jesus and God's Word related?