

Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John

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God's Last Word (John 1:1-18)

1. A Word that Reveals

2. A Word that Redeems

3. A Word that Must be Received

For further thought and discussion:

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. How do people close to you (i.e. neighbors, co-workers, friends) view Jesus? What's their impression of him?

Going Deeper

3. 90% of the material in John's gospel is unique to him (i.e. not repeated in Matthew, Mark or Luke). What is John's purpose in writing (see John 20:30-31)? Who is he writing to? Around what time is he writing?
4. How does John begin his gospel (John 1:1f)? Compare John 1:1-5 with Genesis 1. How does John invite us to re-imagine the creation account? What is John telling us about Jesus?
5. Compare and contrast Moses' encounter with God on Mount Sinai (Exodus 33:18-34:8) with John's encounter with Jesus (John 1:16-18). What similarities do you see between these passages? Why are we, as New Covenant believers, able to grasp the fullness of God's grace even more clearly than Moses could?
6. How does John structure the introduction to his gospel (Compare 1:1-5 with 1:16-18, 1:6-8 with 1:15, and 1:9 with 1:14)? What point is he trying to drive home (compare 1:12-13 with John 20:30-31)?

Application

7. John describes Jesus as God's final word; God's definitive self-disclosure (see 1:1, 14, 18; 14:9). What implications flow from this? Why can't reason alone, or personal experience alone lead us to knowledge of God? How does this transform the way we approach knowing God?
8. What's one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?