

Light & Life - The Book Of John
“Social Jesus Or Biblical Jesus?” John 1:1-14
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Social Jesus: Historical person, miracle worker, accepts & condones sin.

Biblical Jesus: Eternal, Creator God, Light & Life Giver, who paid the penalty of our sins and calls us to live in His light.

Believe (88x) = To acknowledge the truth as truth & to place full confidence in Jesus. But these are written that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may **have life** in his name. **John 20:31 (NIV) Remember Verse**

Big Idea:

To know Who Jesus is and to place our confident trust in Him as our Lord & Savior.

Who Is Jesus?

1. Jesus Is Eternal

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

“**By the word** of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.” **Psalms 33:6 (NIV)**

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "**before Abraham was born, I am!**"
John 8:58 (NIV)

2. Jesus Is The Creator

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

“In the beginning **God created** the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the **Spirit** of God was hovering over the waters. Then God said, "Let **us** make man in **our** image, in **our likeness**, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; **male** and **female** he created them.” **Genesis 1:1,2 26-27 (NIV)**

“Jesus gave them this answer: “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.” **John 5:19 (NIV)**

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.” **Colossians 1:15-16 (NIV)**

3. Jesus Is Life & Light

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

“When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “**I am the light of the world**. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” **John 8:12 (NIV)**

“I have come into the world **as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness**.” **John 12:46 (NIV)**

⁶ “There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that **through him all men might believe**. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a **witness** to the light. ⁹ The **true light that gives light to every man** was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though **the world was made through him**, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own **did not receive him**.” **John 1:6-11 (NIV)**

¹² Yet to all who **received** him, to those who **believed** in his name, **He gave the right to become children of God--** ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴ 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. **John 1:12-14 (NIV)**

- Have you placed your trust and confidence in the Eternal, Creator God, Light & Life Giver, who paid the penalty of your sins and calls us to live in His light?

My next right step, I will:

- Read & Journal through the Gospel of John devotional
- Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior
- Follow Jesus in Believer's Baptism

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Use the “*” questions to keep it under 12 minutes.]

Open in Prayer.

Icebreaker:

- ❖ Growing up, how would you describe who Jesus is?

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John 20:31 (NIV) Remember Verse

What does our remember verse tell you about the purpose of John’s writing?

Who Is Jesus?

1. Jesus Is Eternal

Read John 1:1-2

- ❖ How does this verse distinguish Jesus as God?

2. Jesus Is The Creator

Read John 1:3

- ❖ According to this verse, why couldn’t Jesus be a created being?

Read Genesis 1:1, 26-27

How is the triune God described in Genesis?

How did God create us?

Read John 5:19

How bold is this statement from Jesus?

How is this a claim of deity?

Read Colossians 1:15-16

How does Paul describe who Jesus is?

3. Jesus Is Life & Light

Read John 1:4-5

❖ How has Jesus brought His light into your life?

❖ What darkness has He removed?

Read John 8:12 & John 12:46

What does Jesus want to do with your life?

Read John 1:6-14

Are you willing to spend the time to get to know Who Jesus is?

❖ Have you placed your trust and confidence in the Eternal, Creator God, Light & Life Giver, who paid the penalty of our sins and calls us to live in His light?

Close in prayer.