

“It’s not the strength of your faith,
but the object of your faith
that matters most.”

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While Matthew, Mark and Luke focused
on the activity of Jesus (footprints),
John wanted to rivet attention on the identity
(fingerprint) of Jesus Christ.

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³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs
in the presence of the disciples,
which are not written in this
book; ³¹but these are written so
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 20:30-31 ESV

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My Goals for John

- Renew confidence in the message of the Gospel
- Recover clarity regarding the person of Christ
- Rekindle affections for Christ
- Release power in us thru the Holy Spirit
- Refocus mission in our church
- Reach people who are here, but do not know Christ

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John 1:1-18—Prologue

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Author: John

Wrote: Gospel of John, 1-2-3 John and Revelation

Location: Ephesus 80-90 B.C. (after the destruction and dispersion of the Jews from Israel)

Titus: A.D. 70

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Audience

Greeks, Jews, Us—*logos*

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¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

—Genesis 1:1-3 ESV

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

—John 1:1-4 ESV

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"...that you...you may have..."

—John 20:31 ESV

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"believe"

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Who is Jesus?

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“Whatever we think Jesus would do must always be preceded by who Jesus is! It’s not what you think about Jesus, but what God says and what historical record affirms about Him.”

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¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...

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⁹The true Light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. ¹¹He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. ¹²But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God,

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¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth...

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¹⁶For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, He has made Him known.

—John 1:1-5, 9-14, 16-18 ESV

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For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. —1 Corinthians 3:11 ESV

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The Case for Christ is Built Upon...
The Eternality of the Word
“was”

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The Case for Christ is Built Upon...
The Personality of the Word
“was with God” | “face to face”

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“The idea is that of presence and communion with a strong note of reciprocity. The Logos, then, is not an attribute inhering in God, or a power emanating from him, but a person in the presence of God and turned in loving, inseparable communion toward God, and God turned equally toward him. He was another and yet not other than God.” —R.C.H. Lenski

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Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. —Genesis 1:26a ESV

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¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world.

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³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

—Hebrews 1:1-3 ESV

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The Case for Christ is Built Upon...
The Deity of the Word
"Word was God"

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⁷"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him." ⁸Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know Me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father."

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"How can you say, 'Show us the Father?' ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own authority, but the Father who dwells in Me does His works." —John 14:7-10 ESV

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Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."
—John 8:58 ESV

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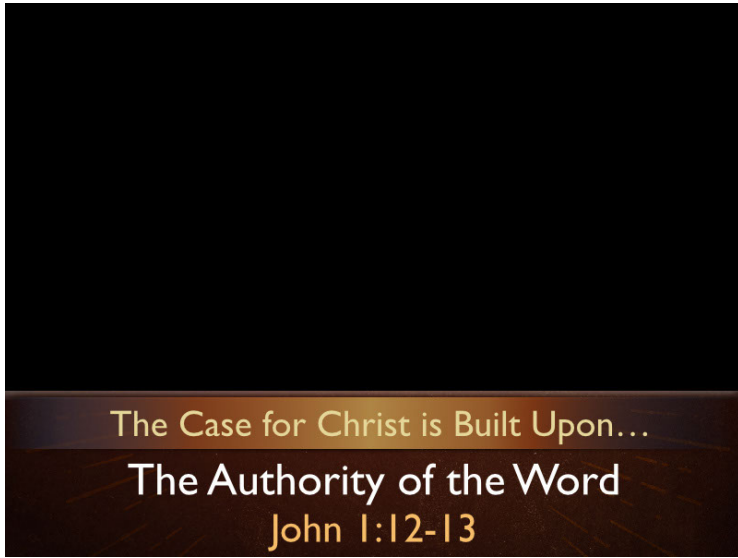
The Case for Christ is Built Upon...
The Visibility of the Word
"became flesh"

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⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

—Philippians 2:5-8 ESV

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