

John 1:1-18 – Lesson Two

Who is Jesus?

John's overture:

- Prepares the readers for the _____ of Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection
- Introduces key _____ found within the entire Gospel in a concise and poetic way
- Helps ensure that we are _____ by the person and activity of _____

In the beginning

- *John takes us back into the _____ of _____ (A. Maclaren)*

Jesus is the _____

- *God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the world. (Hebrews 1:1-2)*

Jesus is the _____

- *Jesus did not begin to exist when the heavens and the earth were made. He did not begin to exist when the Gospel was brought into the world. He was existing when matter was first created and before time began. He was 'before all things.' He was from all eternity. (J.C.Ryle)*

Jesus is the _____ of all _____

- *By Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones of dominions or rulers or authorities – all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. (Colossians 1:16-17)*

Jesus is the _____ of _____

- The word John uses here is 'zoe,' a word *expressing all the highest and best which Christ is and which He gives to His saints. Zoe is the highest blessedness of the creature.* (Spiros Zodhiates Th.D., *The Complete Word Study New Testament*)

Jesus is the _____

- *The Great Light shone on those who live in a dark land.* (Isaiah 9:2)
- *The Sunrise on high visited this earth to shine on those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet in the way of peace.* (Luke 1:78-79)

Jesus is the _____

- *Emptied* (willingly gave up the glory of heaven, the glory of a face-to-face relationship with God; humbly laid aside His heavenly privileges, His independent authority and voluntary display of His divine attributes) *and He took the form of a bond-slave, and was made in the likeness of the men* He Himself created. (Philippians 2:6)
- *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us.* (Ephesians 1:7-8)

Bruce Milne writes:

- *We are called to:*
 - *Worship Him without cessation,*
 - *Obey Him without hesitation,*
 - *Love Him without reservation,*
 - *And serve Him without interruption.*
- For it is through Him and His humble death on the cross that we experience true and abundant life.
 - *To Him be all glory forever and ever! Amen!*

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