

JOHN

LIFE IN JESUS

Creation Light

John 1:1-13

Sunday, October 9, 2022

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The Witness (1:6-8)

- John was _____ from God.
- John bore witness about _____, the light.
- John bore witness so that all might _____.

The Reception (1:9-13)

- Jesus is _____ by many.
- Jesus comes for _____.
- Jesus is _____ by some.
- Those who receive Jesus become _____ of God.
- Those who receive Jesus are _____ of God.

NEXT STEPS:

Find some time of quiet this week to contemplate Jesus: the Word, the Light, and the Life. If you are a follower of Jesus, give thanks that you are a child of God and born of God. If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, ponder what is holding you back from "receiving" Jesus.

NEXT WEEK: *Glory Light* | *John 1:13-18*

Today, we jump into the first verses of John's gospel and immediately discover that John begins really different than the other three gospels. John begins with an intriguing poetic prelude/preview that sets up the rest of the book.

3 things to know as we jump into John:

1. John is written by a _____ and _____ of Jesus.
2. John is the _____ gospel.
3. John is _____ than the other gospels.

John begins his gospel with a poetic poem with 2 stanzas, each consisting of 3 parts:

The Word (1:1-5)

- Jesus is _____.
- Jesus is _____ from and _____ to God.
- Jesus is the _____ of all.
- Jesus' coming is like the coming of _____ into a _____ world.

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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

How are you doing? What's happening in life? Share together as a group?

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read John 1:1-13 together. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? What did you learn? What were your takeaways?
2. How do each of the four gospels begin? How is John's beginning even more distinct than the others? Why is this?
3. In John 1:1-13, to what Old Testament passage is the author "hyperlinking"? Why? What is he showing/teaching?

4. In John 1:9-13, what does it mean to RECEIVE Jesus? What does John tell us here? Who doesn't receive Jesus? Who can receive Jesus? What happens to those who do? What is true of those who do?

5. Poetry delivers truth to us differently. What does John's poetic prelude do to you? How does it make you think about Jesus in fresh or different ways?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Using John 1:1-13 as a springboard for your prayer, praise and thank God for the wondrous gift of Jesus: the Word, the Light, and the Life.
- Pray for the growth of Gospel Culture across Grace Central Coast.
- Share and pray for one another's needs.