



the gospel of JOHN

a 4 part series exploring the life of Jesus through John's gospel

SERIES SUMMARY

The Gospel of John is not written as a neutral biography. It is written as a carefully shaped testimony. John does not merely want you informed about Jesus. He wants you to be confronted by Jesus, drawn toward Jesus, and invited to decide what you will do with Him. John selects signs, conversations, and turning-point moments to form a single, pressing invitation. Believe, and in believing, find life.

John's Gospel is written for thinkers, seekers, skeptics, and believers alike. It assumes questions. It welcomes examination. It does not rush to conclusions. Over the coming weeks, we will slow down and let the text speak for itself, allowing Scripture, not assumptions, to shape what we believe about Jesus, about ourselves, and about the kind of life God offers.

John also writes as someone who understands the big questions we all have. This Gospel does not ignore questions, grief, disappointment, confusion, or complexity. It dares to speak to the places where people actually live. The places where we wonder if God is real, if love is possible, if truth is knowable, and if suffering has the final word. John insists that the answer is not a philosophy, a principle, or a program. The answer is a person.

Most importantly, John begins where we do not expect. He begins before Bethlehem. He begins before time. He begins in the beginning. In doing so, John tells us what this entire series will be about. We will not merely study the teachings of Jesus. We will encounter the identity of Jesus. We will not merely learn religious concepts. We will be invited into a reality where Jesus is the foundation of existence, the source of life, and the light that makes sense of the world.

John 1:1-4 is the doorway into the whole Gospel. It echoes Genesis 1, where God speaks light into darkness. John tells us that the One who speaks in Genesis is not distant from us. He has stepped toward us. The Logos, the Word, is not only the voice of creation. He is the face of God revealed. This series will help you look honestly at Jesus, without pressure, without pretending, and without rushing to conclusions. Regardless of how long you've been following Jesus, this is an invitation to look again.



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WEEK ONE READING PLAN

WHY JESUS?

WEEK OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026
THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

JOHN 1:1-4



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WEEKLY SUMMARY

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WHY JESUS?

This week focuses on John 1:1-4, where John introduces Jesus as the eternal Word. These verses reveal Jesus as existing before creation, acting in creation, and giving life that becomes light for humanity. John is teaching that reality is not an accident. It is not chaos. It is not merely atoms and impulses and appetite. Reality has order because it has an origin, and its origin is personal.

John begins with the Word because he wants us to understand that the universe is not only made. It is spoken.

That means creation carries meaning. A spoken world is a world with intention. A spoken world is a world that can be known. A spoken world is a world where human longing for truth, goodness, and beauty is not a cosmic mistake. It is a clue.

Across the week, you will see the same theme from multiple angles. **Jesus is not a helpful add-on to life. He is the source of life.** Jesus is not merely light in the sense of comfort. He is light in the sense of revelation. He makes the world intelligible, and He makes us honest. The invitation this week is not to be impressed. The invitation is to come into the light.

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**SCRIPTURE TO MEDITATE ON
AND MEMORIZE THIS WEEK**
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*In Him was life, and
that life was the
light of all mankind.*

JOHN 1:4

Spend a few minutes each day repeating this verse aloud slowly. Ask the Lord to make it true in you, not merely known by you.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026

“Before Everything Else”

READ

John 1:1-2, Genesis 1:1-3, Colossians 1:15-17

REFLECT

John begins with a phrase that sounds familiar because he wants it to sound familiar. In the beginning. Those three words take you back to Genesis, back to the first page of Scripture, back to the origin of everything. John is not borrowing poetry. John is making a claim. Before anything existed, the Word already was. The universe has a beginning. The Word does not. Creation is contingent. The Word is eternal. That difference matters because it means Jesus is not part of the system. He is the one the system depends on.

Then John says, "The Word was with God." Before there was matter, there was relationship. Before there was space, there was communion. This is one of the most imagination-capturing truths in all of Scripture. Love is not a late development in the universe. Love is foundational. Reality is not built on loneliness, survival, or competition. It is built on fellowship with God Himself. Colossians echoes this by saying all things were created through Jesus and for Jesus, and that in Him all things hold together. That means your life is not drifting through an indifferent cosmos. You are living in a reality made by Christ and oriented toward Christ.

QUESTIONS

- What changes in you when you realize Jesus is not a figure inside history but the foundation beneath history?
- Where are you trying to carry your life on your own instead of receiving it from God?

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026

“Held Together By the Word of God”

READ

John 1:3, Psalm 33:6-9, Hebrews 1:1-3

REFLECT

John moves from eternity to creation, and he does it without hesitation. Through Him all things were made. John does not give a list. He does not qualify the statement. He makes it total. Everything you can name and everything you cannot name belongs in that sentence. Galaxies and gravity. Cells and consciousness. Oceans and oxygen. Time and space. There is no corner of reality that is not downstream from Christ. This means the world is not a closed machine. It is a crafted work. A world that is made can be understood. A world that was spoken into existence can be interpreted. A world that comes from the Word can be studied.

Psalm 33 describes creation as the result of God speaking, and Hebrews says the Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. That is the truth that should capture you today. Jesus is not only the Creator at the beginning. He is the Sustainer in the present. The same Word that spoke the world into existence is still holding it together right now. Nothing about your life is accidental. Even your next breath is a gift from the One who sustains life.

QUESTIONS

- How does it change the way you see your ordinary day to remember that Christ is sustaining all things right now?
- What part of your life feels unstable, and what would it look like to place that instability under the sustaining Word?

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026

“Life at the Source”

READ

John 1:4, Deuteronomy 30:19-20, Acts 17:24-28, Psalm 36:7-9

REFLECT

John takes the conversation from what exists to what it means. In Him was life. John is not simply describing biological vitality. He is describing the kind of life that is whole, grounded, and overflowing. Scripture often distinguishes between mere survival and true life. Deuteronomy calls the people of God to choose life, not as a motivational slogan but as a covenant reality. Acts 17 says that in God we live and move and have our being. That is more than poetry. It is ontology. It is a statement about what you are. You are not self-originating. You are dependent, moment by moment, on God's generosity.

Psalm 36 adds a line that pairs perfectly with John 1. With you is the fountain of life. In your light we see light. Light is not only something we see. Light is what makes seeing possible. John is teaching you that Jesus does not merely offer encouragement when life feels dark. Jesus is the condition for clarity. Many people today feel anxious because reality feels fragmented and frightening. Our minds are flooded with options, fears, information, and outrage, yet we cannot make sense of ourselves. John is saying we were made to live connected to Jesus. When we lose that connection, life doesn't stop; it just feels heavier and unbearable.

QUESTIONS

- Where do you feel fragmented or internally divided right now, and what might it mean to bring that to the fountain of life?
- What are you holding onto that's keeping you from trusting Jesus more fully?

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

“The Light Tells the Truth”

READ

John 1:4-5, Isaiah 9:2, Psalm 27:1, 2 Corinthians 4:6

REFLECT

John now introduces light, and he does not present it as sentimental. Light is revelation. Light tells the truth. Light creates distinction between what is real and what is false. Isaiah speaks of people walking in darkness who have seen a great light. That prophecy is about deliverance from deception, oppression, and despair. Psalm 27 says the Lord is my light and my salvation. The connection is important. Light and salvation belong together because you cannot be saved without being seen, and you cannot be healed without truth.

Second Corinthians says God has made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. The light of God is not merely a concept. It has a face. Christianity does not proclaim a system. It proclaims a Savior. Jesus is not a flashlight that helps you navigate your own life on your own terms. He is the sunrise that redefines the entire landscape.

When sunrise comes, you realize that the path you're walking was actually a cliff you were about to go over. You realize what you were trusting was fragile. You realize what you were ignoring is now undeniable. That is why some resist the light. Not because they cannot see it, but because they can.

QUESTIONS

- What might you be afraid God will reveal if you truly come into His light?
- How would your decisions change if you treated truth as grace instead of a threat?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026

“Built on What Lasts”

READ

John 1:1-4, Proverbs 3:5-6, Romans 11:33-36, James 1:16-18

REFLECT

Today you're reading John 1:1-4, but with a new question. What does it mean for Jesus to be the foundation rather than an addition? Many people try to add Jesus to an already-built life, as if faith were a helpful accessory. John will not allow that. If all things were made through Him, then all things find their rightful place only in relation to Him. Proverbs calls you to trust the Lord with all your heart and not lean on your own understanding. That does not mean God is against understanding. It means your understanding is not a sufficient foundation for your life. Your mind is a gift, but it is not God.

Romans 11 erupts into worship, saying from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. James reminds you that every good and perfect gift is from above. If Jesus is Creator and Sustainer, then gratitude is not just an emotion we're supposed to feel at certain times when things are going well for us. Gratitude is spiritual alignment. It is the soul recognizing reality. When you wake up, you are not beginning the day from scratch. You are stepping into a world upheld by Christ. That truth begins to quiet anxious striving because you are no longer carrying the weight of being your own source.

QUESTIONS

- Where are you leaning on your own understanding as if it is enough to sustain your life
- How will you practice gratitude today as an act of trust and alignment?

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

“The Word Brings Life”

READ

John 20:30-31, John 1:1-4, Psalm 119:97-105, 2 Timothy 3:14-17

REFLECT

John eventually tells us why he wrote this Gospel. These things are written so that you may believe, and by believing, have life. John is not writing to win an argument. He is writing to bring you to a crossroads. The goal is not mere information. The goal is transformation. Psalm 119 describes the Word of God as a lamp and a light, which means Scripture is not merely inspirational. It is directional. It exposes what is true and guides you into what is good.

Second Timothy says Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. God does not reveal truth merely to inform you but to form you. Many people want Scripture to comfort them, but not confront them. John will do both. He will show you a Jesus who is tender with the broken and unyielding toward hypocrisy. A Jesus who welcomes doubters and challenges pretenders. A Jesus who heals broken bodies and exposes what's really in our hearts. If you give yourself to this Gospel slowly, it will not simply add religious content to your mind. It will reorder your life from the inside out.

QUESTIONS

- What kind of reader do you want to be during this series, and what habits will support that?
- Where do you most need Scripture to form you, not merely inform you?

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

“The Light That Makes All Things New”

READ

John 1:1-4, Genesis 1:26-28, Revelation 21:1-5, Ephesians 1:17-19

REFLECT

The Bible begins with creation and ends with renewal. Genesis shows God speaking a world into existence, and Revelation shows God making all things new. John places Jesus at the center of both. The Word who was in the beginning is the Word who will bring the end to its intended completion. This is not cyclical history where everything repeats forever. This is a story moving toward restoration. The God who created is also the God who redeems.

Ephesians prays that the eyes of your heart would be enlightened so that you may know the hope to which He has called you. When John calls Jesus, “The Light,” he is not merely referring to intellectual clarity. He’s saying Jesus will change our perception of reality. God wants to help us learn to see reality as it truly is. As you gather for worship, remember that you are not showing up merely to learn a lesson. You are coming into the presence of the One who is the Author of life itself. The goal of the Gospel of John is not to give you mere facts about Jesus. It is to bring you into the light of Jesus, where belief becomes life, and life becomes a witness.

QUESTIONS

- What would it look like for the eyes of your heart to be enlightened in this season and to see Jesus more clearly?
- How does the promise that God is making all things new strengthen your faith today?