

SERMON OUTLINE John 1:1-18

Jesus Is the Christ God Promised to Send

OLD TESTAMENT PROMISES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF A FUTURE CHRIST

(Genesis 49:10 ; Numbers 24:17-19; Deuteronomy 18:15-18; Job 33:23-28; 1 Samuel 2:10; 2 Samuel 7:12-13; Psalm 2:7-9, 22:16-18, 16:10 ; Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2; Malachi 3:1-2, 4:5-6; Isaiah 40:3, 50:1-12; Zechariah 9:9-10, 12:10)

THE OVERALL PURPOSE OF JOHN'S GOSPEL IS TO SHOW THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST

THE PURPOSE OF JOHN'S INTRODUCTION WAS TO INTRODUCE JESUS AS THE CHRIST

THE REST OF JOHN'S GOSPEL WAS TO DEMONSTRATE AND DEFEND THAT CLAIM

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

My simple, but lofty aim is to help you all appreciate more fully John's central claim that Jesus is the Christ, in order that you would more fully live in light of that glorious, eternal, and life-giving reality.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Were you familiar with many of the OT passages promising and describing the Christ? What stood out to you about them? Which ones stood out to you the most?
3. As you consider John's Gospel, and the main claim he makes in it (that Jesus is the Christ), is it easy for you to see how he went about presenting and proving Jesus as the Christ? What aspects of the Gospel of John help you see that most clearly?
4. In what ways did Pastor Dave's sermon help you to appreciate the significance of the fact that Jesus is the Christ?
5. Which of John's Christ-claims in vs.1-18 is most impressive to you? Which is easiest to see in the Gospel?
6. How does this passage/sermon give you more hope for times of trial? How does it encourage obedience? How does it strengthen your desire to share the gospel with the non-Christians in your life?
7. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God in John?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

8. Commit to listening to every sermon on John (even if you miss a week in the service) so that you can have the fullest picture of Jesus as the Christ.
9. Read and/or listen to John as many times as you can in the next week.
10. Look up the OT promises of the Messiah/Christ to be better prepared to understand why John wrote what he wrote.
11. Invite a non-Christian friend to join you at Grace in order that they might believe in Jesus as the Christ and have life.
12. Watch the [Gospel Project's overview of John](#) with your kids or DG.
13. Try to capture John in a picture, painting, drawing, song, or some other artistic expression.
14. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

15. Adoration. Praise God for being entirely self-sufficient. Praise God for being three-in-one. Praise God for putting displays of His mercy and grace everywhere. Praise God for being love. Praise God being eternal. Praise God for being a perfect creator. Praise God for being light. Praise God for being life. Praise God for being completely victorious. Praise God for being patient.
16. Confession. Confess any sins of hope in yourself or anything other than God. Confess any ways in which you loved the darkness or rejected God. Confess any indifference to the infinite glory of God.
17. Thanksgiving. Thank God for sending the Word, the Christ, Jesus to the world. Thank God for giving you life and lighting up your way in Jesus. Thank God that if your hope is in Jesus Christ, your future is entirely secured. Thank God for revealing Himself in Jesus.
18. Supplication. Ask God to fill the people of Grace Church with a constant burden to evangelize the world. Ask God to draw people to trust in Jesus through our evangelism. Ask God to make our time in John fruitful beyond what we could ask for or imagine. Ask God to make us all duly impressed with the reality that Jesus is the Christ.