

Week 1

7-Day Expository Bible Study through John 1

Beholding the Glory of Christ: The Word Made Flesh

Memory Verse:

“And 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.”

— John 1:14

Day 1 – The Eternal Word

John 1:1–3

Theme: Jesus is not merely a teacher, prophet, or example. He is the eternal Word who is God and who was with God from the beginning.

Exegetical Reflection

What does John mean when he calls Jesus “the Word”?

What does John teach about Jesus before creation?

What role does Jesus have in creation?

Personal Reflection

Why does it matter that Jesus is eternal and not created?

How does this reshape the way we view Jesus?

Application

Head – What should we know?

Heart – What should we love or repent of?

Hands – What should we do?

Prayer:

Day 2 – Life and Light in Christ

John 1:4–5

Theme: Jesus brings life into a world marked by darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome Him.

Exegetical Reflection

What does John mean when he says, “In Him was life”?

How is Jesus the light of men?

What does it mean that the darkness has not overcome the light?

Personal Reflection

Where do you see darkness in the world and in your own heart?

How does Christ’s light give hope?

Application

Head – What should we know?

Heart – What should we love or repent of?

Hands – What should we do?

Prayer:

Day 3 – The Witness to the Light

John 1:6–8

Theme: God sends witnesses to point others away from themselves and toward Christ.

Exegetical Reflection

Who is John the Baptist?

Why does John make clear that John the Baptist was not the light?

What is the purpose of witness?

Personal Reflection

Why are we tempted to make ministry or faith about ourselves?

What does faithful witness look like today?

Application

Head – What should we know?

Heart – What should we love or repent of?

Hands – What should we do?

Prayer:

Day 4 – Rejected by the World, Received by Grace

John 1:9–13

Theme: The true Light came into the world, yet many rejected Him; but all who receive Him by faith become children of God.

Exegetical Reflection

What does John mean when he calls Jesus the true light?

How does the world respond to Jesus?

What promise is given to those who receive Him?

Personal Reflection

Why do people reject the One who gives life?

What does it mean to receive Christ?

Application

Head – What should we know?

Heart – What should we love or repent of?

Hands – What should we do?

Prayer:

Day 5 – The Word Became Flesh

John 1:14–18

Theme: The eternal Son of God became truly human so that we might behold God’s glory and receive grace.

Exegetical Reflection

What does it mean that “the Word became flesh”?

What does John mean when he says Jesus “dwelt among us”?

How does Jesus reveal God’s glory?

Personal Reflection

Why does the incarnation matter for our salvation?

How does Jesus being full of grace and truth shape Christian living?

Application

Head – What should we know?

Heart – What should we love or repent of?

Hands – What should we do?

Prayer:

Day 6 – Behold the Lamb of God

John 1:19–34

Theme: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Exegetical Reflection

How does John the Baptist understand his own identity?

Why does John call Jesus “the Lamb of God”?

What does John testify about the Spirit descending on Jesus?

Personal Reflection

Why is it important that Jesus takes away sin rather than merely improves behavior?

How does seeing Jesus as the Lamb of God create humility and hope?

Application

Head – What should we know?

Heart – What should we love or repent of?

Hands – What should we do?

Prayer:

Day 7 – Come and See, Follow Me

John 1:35–51

Theme: Those who truly see Jesus are invited to follow Him and bring others to Him.

Exegetical Reflection

How do John’s disciples respond when he points them to Jesus?

What does Jesus mean when He says, “Come and you will see”?

How do Andrew, Philip, and Nathanael respond to Jesus?

Personal Reflection

What does this passage teach about discipleship?

How does Jesus deal with skepticism?

Application

Head – What should we know?

Heart – What should we love or repent of?

Hands – What should we do?

Prayer:

Closing Encouragement

John 1 lifts our eyes to the glory of Jesus.

He is not merely a good teacher.

He is the eternal Word.

He is the Creator of all things.

He is the light shining in the darkness.

He is the Word made flesh.

He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

He is the Son of God and King of Israel.

This chapter calls us to behold Christ before we try to serve Christ. It calls us to receive Him before we represent Him. It reminds us that the Christian life begins and continues with seeing Jesus clearly.

John 1 reminds you that:

- Jesus is fully God and fully man.
- Jesus reveals the Father perfectly.
- Jesus brings life and light into darkness.
- Jesus takes away sin.
- Jesus calls ordinary people to follow Him and point others to Him.

You are not invited merely to admire Jesus from a distance.

You are invited to come and see.

You are invited to believe.

You are invited to follow.

You are invited to witness.

So this week, stay close to Christ.

Look again at His glory.

Receive His grace.

Walk in His light.

And invite others to come and see.