John Lesson 2

Robert Harkrider · John 1:1–18 · Series: **John**

INTRODUCTION

- There is no better way to study the Bible than simply to get it open and go verse by verse and keeping each scripture within its own context.
- For it tells us who Jesus Christ is. It defines Jesus as the Son of God.
- Either he is what he claims to be the Son of God or else he is a liar.

1 The Word Who Communicates God

1 Corinthians 2:11–13; Colossians 2:9; 1 John 1:1–3

- Now we understand that the Word describes the means by which we communicate one with another.
- But Jesus Christ is the divine word. The Greek text here uses the term logos. And in that sense, Christ is the communicator. He is the one who reveals the Father to us.
- You cannot really know the Father except we know the Word, or Jesus, who is the Word of God.

2 In the Beginning, With God, and Was God

John 17:5; Philippians 2:6; Hebrews 1:8

- Jesus Christ was in the beginning with God. He is eternal in his nature.
- His beginning was not with his birth, but rather his true beginning is with God. He always has been.
- He's not the same person as the Father, but He is the same nature as the Father.
- The text says he was God, and it's properly translated and capitalized G, for it refers to his nature as of Godhood.

3 All Things Made by Him; In Him Was Life

Hebrews 1:1–3; Colossians 1:15–18; John 10:10

- He's the divine creator. He himself was eternal. But he is the one by whom the Father made the worlds.
- Now, if all things were created by him, did he create himself? Certainly not.
- Jesus came that men might have life and that more abundantly. But he is also the light of the world.
- But the world did not put out the light. Even when it crucified the Son of God, it did not put out the light.

4 John the Baptist Bore Witness of That Light

John 1:6–9; Isaiah 40:3; John 1:34

- There was a man sent from God whose name was John. The same came for a witness to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe.
- Now John the Baptist was a powerful preacher and a prophet of God.
- But John the Baptist was not as great as Jesus Christ.

5 Power to Become the Sons of God

John 1:10–13; John 12:42–43; Galatians 3:26–27

- He came to save all men, but all men will not believe in him or accept him.
- As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.
- If we're going to be saved, we must indeed receive Christ. We must believe on him. But true saving faith involves obedience.
- They had mental agreement, all right. They knew who he is, the Son of God, but they weren't willing to stand up for him.
- You are the children of God by faith. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

6 The Word Was Made Flesh

John 1:14–18; Matthew 1:23; John 14:7–9

- The word was made flesh and dwelt among us. And we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
- By chronological age, John was probably about six months older than Jesus. But Jesus was eternal.
- The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. There's something by Christ that Moses couldn't give.
- But Jesus Christ is the one by whom we can know the Father.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **You want to know the expression of God's love. You want to know the expression of God's mercy. You want to know the expression even of God's justice. Look at Jesus Christ, the cross, and the resurrection.**

MY NOTES