

**LW** – Intro to the Gospel of John

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4) The Deity of Jesus (Rank/Essential nature/God. “Godness” of Jesus while here on earth)

\* **Response** – Do you believe... Do you know anyone who does NOT/Invite them!!!

\* **Begin by introducing Jesus in the most unique way – different than other 3 Gospels**

**John 1:1–2** - **1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God.

**1. John begins his Gospel where Genesis 1:1 begins: In the beginning...**

**2. Establishes that Jesus was there, He was with God, and He was God + 1:14 = God**

**John 1:14** - And the Word became 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.

\* **The Deity of Jesus** (The nature of God)

**John 17:5** - And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

**John 8:58** - Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

**John 14:9** - Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

**John 10:30** - I and My Father are one.”

**John 10:33** - The Jews answered Him, saying, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.”

**Response** – Many religions doctrine is He was NOT God – Man, Prophet, Teacher, Angel

**3** All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

**Ephesians 3:9** - and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;

**Col 1:16** - For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

\* **He created all things, He is Creator, not a Creation** – Attribute of God (Gen 1:1)

**Respond** – Choice/Put faith/God’s word/never changed; Or man’s word/Science/Changed/s

**4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5** And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

**John 8:12** – (After not condemning Adulterous Woman) Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

\* Darkness did not comprehend it – lay hold of, take possession, overcome (Never has/will!)

**1 John 4:4** - You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

**Psalm 27:1** - The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

**Respond** – He is our light/life! Darkness cannot overcome it! Light wins every time!

**6** There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. **8** He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

\* **Witness** (X3) – Sent from God, for a witness, to bear witness (2), that all might believe  
**Acts 1:8** - But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” **Prov 14:25** – True Witness

\* The verb believe used 266 times in NT, 139 in Gospels, 101 times in Gospel of John!  
- Think to be true to place total confidence in!

**Respond** – You can be a witness. You can bear witness of/Light? That “all” might believe!

**9** That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. **11** He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

\* **True light to EVERY man**

**Isaiah 53:3** - He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

**John 18:39–40** - “But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” **40** Then they all cried again, saying, “Not this Man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

**Mark 15:7** - And there was one named Barabbas, who was chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion.

**Respond** – If you’re here, Light/come into the world for you! Do not reject! He is true/light!

**12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: **13** who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (Born again)

**John 12:36** - While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light...”

**Galatians 4:5** - to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

**Galatians 3:26** - For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

**Respond** – Not everyone is a child of God, we must be adopted, must receive Him! We must Believe/His name – Jesus (Gk/*Iesous* = Heb/*Yâhowshuwa* ‘(yeh·ho·shoo·ah) (Yahova/yasha)

\* We must put our total complete faith in His name that means God saves us!!!

**14** And the Word became 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.

**Colossians 1:15** - He is the image of the invisible God...

**Colossians 2:9** - For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

**Hebrews 1:2–3** - has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; **3** who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

**Respond** – Have you allowed Him to purge you of your sins...

**Communion**

## **Purpose of the Gospel of John**

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### **You may have Life in His Name**

### **Deity of Jesus** (Godness)

Was before Creation, Was with God AND also Was God

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### **Creator**

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