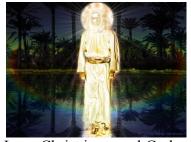
Incarnation of the Son of God

John 1:1-18

Intro: The Gospel of John opens with a theological prologue detailing the pre-existence and incarnation of the eternal Son of God (1:1–18). John introduces the incarnate Word as eternally with God, One with God, and Creator of all things (1:1-5); who took on flesh (1:14).

I. The Preexistence of the Word 1:1-5

- A. In relation to God (vv. 1-2)
 - a. "In the beginning was the Word
 - b. and the Word was with God
 - c. and God was the Word
 - d. The same was in the beginning with God"



Jesus Christ is eternal God

- B. In relation to Creation (vv. 3-5)
 - 1. Christ is the Creator of all things (v. 3; see John 1:10; Col. 1:16; and Hebrews 1:2)
 - 2. Christ is the giver of *life* and *light* (vv. 4-5)

II. John the Baptist's Testimony About the Word 1:6-8

- A. John's origin (v. 6; see Micah 5:2)
- B. John's testimony or mission was to introduce Christ (vv. 7-8)

III. The World's Reaction to the Word 1:9-13

IV. The Incarnation of the Word 1:14-18; see Phil. 2:6-8

Applications

- 1. When its all been said and done, *will it be said of you* that you did all you could to live for Christ, and to make Him known to others?
- 2. Ask God to help you to live your life for the glory of Christ.
- 3. Ask God to arrange opportunities for you to share Christ with lost people.
- 4. Ask God to help you to read His Word and to spend time in prayer with Him everyday. Pick up a "Through the Bible in a Year" reading guide on your way out.