

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.