

# **CROSSWISE:**

**A Study of the  
Gospel of John**

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**In The Beginning  
John 1:1-14**





**John's Gospel is  
mystery, drama,  
love story, tragedy  
and triumph. Best  
story ever – written  
for you.**





**If you were writing  
a biography of  
Jesus, how would  
you begin?**



<sup>30</sup> The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to **believe** that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him **you will have life** by the power of his name.

John 20:30-31



# John 1

In the beginning the **Word** already existed.

The Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup> **He** existed in the beginning with God.

<sup>3</sup> God created everything through him,  
and nothing was created except  
through him.



<sup>4</sup> The Word gave **life** to everything that was created,

and his life brought **light** to everyone.

<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never  
extinguish it.



**<sup>6</sup> God sent a man, John the Baptist, <sup>7</sup> to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. <sup>8</sup> John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. <sup>9</sup> The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.**



**1<sup>0</sup> He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. 1<sup>1</sup> He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. 1<sup>2</sup> But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. 1<sup>3</sup> They are reborn—not with a physical birth**





resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

<sup>14</sup> So the Word became human and made his **home** among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his **glory**, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.





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# WORD

- Immediate connection with Jewish audience
- Immediate connection with Gentile audience
- Living Message



## Col. 1:15-20

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

He existed before anything was created  
and is supreme over all creation,

<sup>16</sup> for through him God created everything  
in the heavenly realms and on earth.

He made the things we can see  
and the things we can't see—



## Col. 1:15-20

such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.

Everything was created through him and for him.

<sup>17</sup> He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.



## Col. 1:15-20

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which is his body.

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## **Col. 1:15-20**

**<sup>20</sup> and through him God reconciled  
everything to himself.**

**He made peace with everything in heaven  
and on earth**

**by means of Christ's blood on the cross.**







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# LIGHT

- Source: His Life
- Huge Contrast
- Cannot be Extinguished





# HOME

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# HOME

- Irony of Ironies
- Word became tangible
- Tabernacled





# GLORY

<sup>14</sup> And we have seen his **glory**,  
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and only Son.



# GLORY



- Hebrew: Weighty, Significant
- Usually time of Honor
- Christ tied it to the Cross









**WORD**



**LIGHT**

**HOME**



**GLORY**







**What are you  
going to do with  
this?**

