#### **CROSSWISE:** A Study of the Gospel of John

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.

<sup>10</sup> He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. <sup>13</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.

WORD 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.



### 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.

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<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

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#### GLORY

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



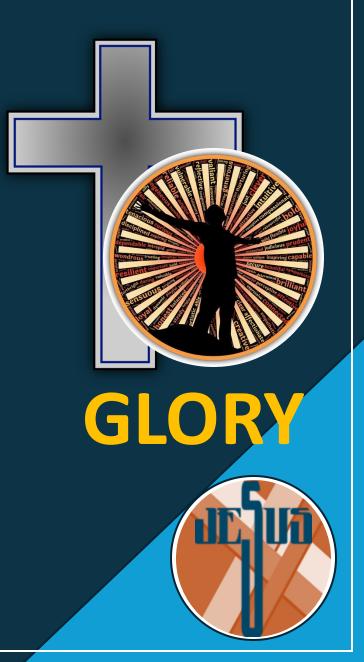


<sup>20</sup> Some Greeks who had come to Jerusalem . . . They said, "Sir, we want to meet Jesus." <sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory. <sup>24</sup> I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels a plentiful harvest of new lives.

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#### LIGHT







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

