

Introduction

He tells us the purpose of his writing at the end of the book

Joh 20:30-31 ESV Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but ***these are written so that you may believe*** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- There are signs (wonders or miracles) that Jesus did - specific ones are written about
- So **that you might believe** in Jesus for who He truly is -- **the CHRIST -- THE SON OF GOD**
- And that by **believing** you may have **LIFE IN HIS NAME** - evangelistic in nature

The Word & v 14 reveals the identity of "The Word" as Jesus

Joh 1:1-3 & 14 ESV **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. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made....vs 14 And **the Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and **we have seen his glory**, glory as of the only Son from the Father, **full of grace and truth**.

The INCARNATION is essential for Christianity

- Heb 2:14 tells us that **[Jesus]** became **[i.e. flesh and blood]**, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

What does he say about "the Word"

He was in the beginning (He is ETERNAL - this is an attribute of God)

- Psa 90:2 ESV Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, **from everlasting to everlasting you are God**.

He was with God

- Joh 17:5 ESV And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you ***before the world existed***.

& He was God

- Joh 10:30-33 ESV **I and the Father are one.**" 31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?" 33 The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because **you, being a man, make yourself God.**"

The WORD became flesh and dwelt among us - God DWELT Among Us

Word - Divine Intent - the best way God can "say" to us what he wants to say is by the life of Jesus - He tells us who He is, and what He is like PERFECTLY in the life of His Son Jesus...Jesus is the WORD - Logos of God

God "Dwelt" Among Usliterally "He Tabernacled Among Us"

- The LORD instructed Moses to build a tabernacle, later a temple for His presence,
- Now - The true tabernacle / temple is here - His presence is here in human form

All Things were made through Him - Jesus is Creator

As Creator He has the right of ownership!

- Psa 89:11 ESV The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them.

We have been created for His glory

- Isa 43:6-7 ESV I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, 7 everyone who is called by my name, **whom I created for my glory**, whom I formed and made."

We have been created with a purpose

- Jer 1:5 ESV "**Before I formed you** in the womb **I knew you**, and before you were born **I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.**"

He became flesh & dwelt among us We have seen His Glory - Full of Grace and Truth

(Moses asked to See His Glory)

- Exo 33:18-23 ESV Moses said, "Please show me your **glory**." 19 And he said, "**I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.'** And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20 But," he said, "**you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.**" 21 And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, 22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but **my face shall not be seen.**"

NOW we see His glory in the life of Jesus

- Joh 14:9 ESV Whoever has seen me has seen the Father....

Joh 1:18 ESV No one has ever seen God; **the only God, who is at the Father's side**, he has made him known. ***[made him known = He has declared or narrated Him]***

John says he saw Him and heard Him and Touched Him

- 1Jn 1:1-3 ESV That which was **from the beginning**, which we have **heard**, which we have **seen** with our eyes, which **we looked upon** and have **touched with our hands**, concerning the word of life-- 2 **the life was made manifest**, and we have **seen it**, and **testify** to it and **proclaim** to you **the eternal life**, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us-- 3 that which we have **seen** and **heard** we **proclaim** also to you, so **that you too may have fellowship with us**; and indeed **our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.**

The WORD Came to reveal the GLORY of GOD full of GRACE and TRUTH - We will see that in the life and stories of Jesus, but in the end, we must stand before HIM and it will be the WORD that Judges us.

- Joh 12:47-50 ESV If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.