



John 1:1-18 God made known

On Sunday we began a new sermon series in John's gospel. In John 20:31 John sets out his purpose in writing his gospel:

'But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.'

John 1:1-18 is often described as the prologue to John's gospel and it introduces some of the key themes of the book.

1. Light and life in the Word (v1-5)

- We are introduced to 'the Word' in v1-5. What do we learn about the Word in these verses and why do you think John chooses to start his gospel here?
- What do you think is the significance of what v4-5 say about the Word being '*light and life*'?
- How does this affect how we think about Jesus (who the passage shows us later is the Word)?

2. Responding to the light (v6-13)

- What is John the Baptist's role, according to v6-8, and what do we learn from this about our role in Christian ministry?
- What do you think is the significance of the light giving 'light to everyone' in v9?
- What does John tell us is the response to the light coming into the world (v10-12) and how is this reflected in the world today?
- What is given to those who 'believed in his name'? What do you think are the implications of that?

3. Grace and truth in the one and only Son (v14-18)

- What is the stunning revelation of v14?
- What do v16-17 tell us Christians receive out of the 'fullness' of Jesus and how is this different from the law given through Moses (v17)?
- What's your response to what these verses tell us about Jesus?