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The Gospel of John Sermon Series

Supports Session 1: In the Beginning

Sermon Title: “Word and Light” (John 1:1-14) (Bonus)

Connection to Session 1

In this text, John describes the divine identity of Jesus. Jesus came to bring light and life into the world for all who would believe in Him.

Introduction/Opening

“Who is Jesus?” This is the greatest question in the history of the world. Our answer to this question determines our eternity. For us to be able to answer that question, we need to examine the claims about Jesus. The Gospel of John is full of claims about Jesus. Here in John 1:1-18, John claims that Jesus is the divine Word of God, the divine light of God, and the divine glory of God.

Outline

1. The Divine Word of God (1:1-5)
 - a) When John’s readers would have heard, “In the beginning . . .” they would have immediately thought of Genesis 1:1. However, John shows his readers the pre-existence of the Word. Before the Word “became flesh” (v. 14), the Word existed in eternity past. John is demonstrating how Jesus is divine.

 - b) “Word” (*logos*) would have been a loaded term for the people in John’s day. Many philosophical debates centered on the *logos*, which was the reason for living. John shows us that our reason for living is rooted in Jesus’s identity as God.

2. The Divine Light of God (1:9-13)
 - a) The themes of light and darkness are important throughout the Gospel of John. Darkness often represents the world in rebellion to God, and light as those who have believed and received Jesus.

 - b) Due to Adam and Eve’s sin, all humans are born into this world lost in the darkness of our sin. Have you seen the light? Have you repented of your sin?

3. The Received Blessing (1:13-14)
 - a) These verses are the center point for all of John 1:1-18. The Word of God and Light of God has come so that we might become children of God.

b) Are you a child of God? How do we become children of God? By trusting and believing in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

Conclusion

One of the blessings of salvation is that not only are we justified, sanctified, and glorified, but we are also adopted into God's own family. We must examine the claims about Jesus and believe in Him, so that we might be adopted into God's family. Jesus is the reason for living and He has shone the light of salvation into the darkness of this world. Once we receive Jesus, we are given the opportunity to share this blessing with the world.

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