



The Priority of Grace and Truth | John 1:14-18

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John makes five claims about Jesus Christ that lead us to understand why grace and truth are required elements of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

John's prologue, through verse 13, talks about the Word and the true Light that has come into the world. His aim is to pique our interest in identifying this person, and then to give his central argument that Jesus is not only the Messiah sent from God, but is God who gives life.

1. Jesus is the incarnation of God
2. Jesus is the glory of God
3. Jesus is the unique Son of God

4. Jesus is the fullness of God

5. Jesus is the exposition of God

Jesus is the epitome of grace and truth; two of the most basic and necessary elements of the Word of God, and of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Questions to Consider

1. What has John 1:1-13 said about the Word and the Light, and what question should it provoke?
2. What false teaching about Jesus had begun developing by the time John wrote?
3. What does it mean that Jesus is the incarnation of God, and what's the significance for believers?
4. How might first-century Jewish readers of John's gospel have thought about God's glory dwelling on earth? Why would it be astounding for that glory to dwell in a man?
5. How might you deal with someone who says that Jesus is a created being because the Bible calls Him "only begotten."
6. What does it mean for believers that Jesus is the fullness of God?
7. How are John's claims about Jesus, and Jesus' own claims about Himself, a matter of absolute truth?
8. Why is grace especially necessary in light of what's taught in this particular passage?