

Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"Light In A Dark World"
John 1:6-13
Part-2

There are only two possible responses to the reality of Jesus Christ: Belief or Unbelief!

Theme Of John – The Deity of Jesus Christ. Jesus is God in the flesh. "Jesus: God And Savior."

Key Passage and Purpose of John – John 20:30-31.

John 1:1-18 – Prologue/Introduction: John 1:1-5 Reveals Who Jesus Is. Now, John 1:6-13 – How Will We Respond?

Thought Of Our Passage: "God Is The True Light; We Are His Lamps. Is My Life Leading Others To The True Light?"

- 1. Verses 6-8 – The Testimony Of Light**
- 2. Verses 9-11 – The Rejection Of Light**
- 3. Verses 12-13 – The Reception Of Light**

1. Verses 6-8 – The Testimony Of Light:

John 1:6

"There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John." – The Context is: Verses 1-2 – Jesus Is Eternal; Verse 3 – Jesus Is The Creator; Verses 4-5 – Jesus Source Of Life.

The Word "Logos" has been identified and described. John now describes the reception of the Word!

John 1:5 – "darkness did not comprehend it." – "grasping, so as to resist or eliminate." Evil is ever attempting to overcome the light.

A Person unwilling to believe results in their inability to comprehend. John 8:47

"There came ('there appeared') a man,"

John – "the grace of Jehovah, the grace of the Lord." John's coming was foretold in Isaiah 40:3-4; Malachi 3:1. The details regarding John's coming and birth are given in Luke 1:5-25. The key verse is Luke 1:17.

John Introduces Jesus Publicly (John 1:19-34). John is the link between the Old Covenant and New Covenant. Luke 16:16

John, from birth, was a Nazarite. Numbers 6:1-21:

1. Abstaining from the fruit of the vine.
2. He had to let his hair grow out and not cut it.
3. He could not touch or go near a dead body.

Matthew 11:11

"sent from God," – Luke 1:15

John 1:7

Purpose Of John's Ministry Was To Witness – "He came as a witness," – the term "witness" is used 14X in John. Witness – mar'-toos; we get "martyr, witness."

"to testify about the Light," – John Is The Witness That The Eternal Word Was Made Flesh.

Purpose Of John's Ministry Was To Encourage Others To Believe – "so that all might believe" – word "believe" is used 98X; believe – "to trust". The biblical concept goes beyond intellectual assent "to reliance, commitment and obedience to the person of Jesus."

John 1:8 – "He was not the light" – "Jesus alone is the essence of light", (John was a portable Lamp) John 5:35.

"but he came to testify about the Light." – Matthew 21:26

He was not the light because John had a following that held him as more than a man. John 3:25; Acts 19:1-7

2. Verses 9-11 – The Rejection Of Light:

John 1:9

John 15:22-25

"There was the true light" – The word "true" is used 9X in John; "real and genuine, not secondary." All others are feeble copies.

“which, coming into the world,” – is a reference to Jesus Christ appearing in a human tent. John 1:14

“world” – 78X, “kosmos”; speaks of order, the dwelling place for man; it is also “fallen humanity that is alienated from and against God.”

General Illumination Through Creation – Not Universal Salvation:
Psalm 19:1-6.

Paul says in Romans 10:18; Psalm 19:4.

God’s Illumination Through The Law & Conscience: Romans 2:15;
Proverbs 20:27.

John 1:10

“and the world was made through Him” – John 1:3.

“and the world” – “mankind”; John has been using the word to describe the planet; now the people on the planet (World System of Mankind).

“did not know Him.” The word “know” is the Greek word “ginosko”; means “to recognize, did not recognize Him.” It is to realize and acknowledge what one claims to be. John 8:12

John 1:11 – “He came to His own,” – This is the idea of “coming home.”

Jesus likened life to a two sided coin, Luke 20:25.

“and those who were His own did not receive Him.” – (Rejection)
Acts 2:22-24.

3. Verses 12-13 – The Reception Of Light:

John 1:12

The 3 verbs **believe, receive, become**; That is the order that it takes place:

1. “**believe in His name,**” – John gives a formula here. “**His name**” is “**Jesus**”; Matthew 151X; Mark 13X; Luke 88X; John 247X.

His name – “His person, attributes, deity, Messiah” is the key to our salvation. Matthew 1:21

2. "as many as received ('take hold of, to grasp') Him,"

3. "to them He gave the right to become children of God,"

John 3:6

John 1:13

"who were born," – John 3:1-21.

"who were born not of blood," – Salvation Does Not Come Through Descent, Inheritance, or ancestry.

"nor of the will of the flesh," – Salvation Does Not Come Through Human resolution.

"nor of the will of man," – Salvation Does Not Come Through The Husband's Will, Conception.

"but of God." – God's initiation and His power.

Application:

1. There Are Only Two Possible Responses To The Reality Of Jesus Christ. Belief Or Unbelief: Matthew 12:30.

2. To Truly Receive Jesus Means 3 Things:

1. To Believe In Him – "Believe (Trust, Obey) In The Person Of Jesus, Jesus' Deity, Jesus The Messiah, Jesus Is God And Savior."

2. To Receive Him – "Take Hold Of, Grasp Jesus. I Am Relinquishing My Control And Allowing Jesus To Have Control."

3. To Become A Child Of God – "Taking On God's Likeness, Being A Christian Means We Take On The Spiritual And Moral Nature Of Our Heavenly Father."