

# The Book of John - 4

**Introduction:** We will be finishing up with the first section of the book of John over the next several Sundays. This beginning section is referred to by many as **the prologue**. In these first fourteen verses, we discover revelation concerning the Word. Last week we considered that the Lord Jesus Christ is **the Light**. The Bible tells us in **verse 4**, “In him was life; and the life was the light of men.” John, in **verses 5 through 14**, summarizes the entire Gospel record concerning the Lord Jesus Christ and beyond. So far, we have seen:

## I. Prologue - The Revelation of the Word 1:1-14

### A. The Word vs. 1-5, 9-14

1. The **eternality** of the Word. vs. 1a
2. The **co-existence** of the Word. vs. 1b-2
3. The **deity** of the Word. vs. 1c
4. The **Creator God**: the Word. v3
5. The Word is **Life** and **the Light**. v4-9

The Bible tells us in **verse 9** that Lord Jesus Christ is **the True Light**. We also see a statement that the Lord Jesus, the True Light, *“lighteth every man that cometh into the world.”*

We mused last week at the introduction of a dynamic figure by the name of John the Baptist. We saw that He was a burning light. He was a light that shined for a special and particular time to prepare the way of the Lord. He was a μαρτυρία. Both in the sense of declaring the Lord Jesus, But as we know from the Scriptures, He gave His life for the cause of Christ. John the Baptist’s purpose was stated in **verse 7**, *“to bear witness of the Light,”* and the desired result was that *“all men through him might believe.”* But then the Holy Spirit declares to us that John the Baptist was not the original Light, as it were, but rather that the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the True Light. May it ever be that you and I are hidden behind the cross of our Lord. May it be, as John states later, that I must decrease, and He must increase. Remember in Him, speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ is life, and His life is the Light of men. The latter part of verse 9 then is declaring the **scope of His Light**.

*“That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.”*

This verse is not declaring that all men who are born into this world will hear the Gospel — for that responsibility has been given to us. But it does declare that Salvation wrought by His death, burial, and resurrection **is available to all men. It is the Gospel that all men need.**

The Bible says in **Romans 10:11-13**, “11 For the scripture saith, **Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.** 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is **rich unto all that call upon him.** 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

He is a Light **to all men.**

I **Timothy 2:3-4** spells out for us the heart of God... and it states this, “For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”

6. The Word was \_\_\_\_\_ **by the World.** v10

*“He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.”*

When we continue through this book. In this Gospel record, we will see that the world as a whole knew him not. Our Creator, the One True Living God, was in this World, became man without ceasing to be God, and the world knew Him not.

**John Philips** stated it eloquently this way, “He walked the hedgerow and plucked a blade of grass. He had created it; he knew its structure, about photosynthesis, about the mystery of a plant’s pollination and germination, and all its complex chemistry. He walked beside the sea of Galilee; he knew the topography of that lake; every deep and shallow place, every pebble on the bottom, each and every fish darting through its waves. The world was made by him; he knew all about astronomy and chemistry, physics and biology, mathematics and medicine. He knew every law now known to science, not because he studied them but because he was the author of them all. He looked at the world through the eyes of man somehow; in the mystery of his being, he had infinite understanding of all things. .... He was in the world, the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. To John, that was a supreme tragedy and irony. People rubbed shoulders with God, yet were too blind to see.”

7. The Word was \_\_\_\_\_ **by His own.** v11

As we read the progressive revelation of God as far back as **Genesis 3:15**, the Messiah, the Anointed One, the promised One, had been over and over again heralded throughout the pages of Scripture. And yet, as the Lord Jesus Christ presented Himself, His people rejected Him.

The Bible tells us of this circumstance in **Isaiah 53:1-7** “1 Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? 2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, And as a root out of a dry ground: He hath no form nor comeliness; And when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He is despised

*and rejected of men; A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: **And we hid as it were our faces from him; He was despised, and we esteemed him not.** 4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, And carried our sorrows: Yet we did esteem him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: The chastisement of our peace was upon him; And with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned every one to his own way; And the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, Yet he opened not his mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before her shearers..."*

8. The Word is **received by some.** v12-13