

**Before Bethlehem**  
**John 1:1-14**

1. He Is the Eternal One (1-2)

***The Reference Is to Creation***

- **John is revealing His eternal \_\_\_\_\_**

When the beginning started Jesus already “was.” “He was in the beginning with God.” Jesus is “the One” of Micah’s prophecy, Micah 5:2.

**The Bible Clearly Declares the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus**

Revelation 1:8, “I am the Alpha and the Omega...”

2. He Is the Divine One (1-2)

***He Is God***

“The Word” is *logos* in Greek. John used a bridge word that both Jews and Greeks would relate to. Words reveal a person’s mind and heart.

- **He is the ultimate revelation of \_\_\_\_\_**

Jesus is God of very God. He is the second person of the Godhead.

John 10:30, “I and My Father are one.”

John 14:9, “He who has seen Me has seen the Father.”

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3. He Is the Omnipotent One (3)

***Creation Proves His Deity***

Not one thing came to be apart from Jesus Christ. Only God can speak something into existence from pure thought, Psalm 33:6.

- **The material universe is the product of the Eternal \_\_\_\_\_**

Jesus is presented as preeminent in creation, Colossians 1:16-17.

**Jesus Christ Is the Divine \_\_\_\_\_ between Nothing and Everything**

4. He Is the Life Giving One (4-9)

***Life Is a Major Theme of John’s Gospel***

- **He is the source of \_\_\_\_\_**

As Creator He possesses self-existent life, John 5:26.

As Creator He is the source of all physical life but the focus here is spiritual life as is clearly seen in John’s Gospel, John 3:16, 14:6.

- **He is the source of \_\_\_\_\_**

John uses the dual images of life and light. Light is used in the Bible as an emblem for God, 1 John 1:5. Throughout scripture light and darkness are metaphors for righteousness and sin. Light and darkness are polar opposites but not of equal power. Darkness cannot extinguish light. John anchors these truths in human history. He connects light coming into the world with the ministry of John the Baptist.

**The Only Light that Can Penetrate the Darkness of Men’s \_\_\_\_\_ Is Jesus Christ**

5. He Is the Rejected One (10-11)

***The World Is another Major Theme of this Gospel***

John uses the word 80 times. The word *kosmos* most often is referring to the world system.

- **His \_\_\_\_\_ denial**

John uses the word “know” to mean an intimate personal relationship. Many people today know who Jesus is and Who He claims to be, but they refuse to believe it.

Why would men willingly choose to reject the light of the world?

John 3:19, “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”

- **His \_\_\_\_\_ refusal**

Specifically Jesus came as the promised Messiah of Israel. They rejected Him because He claimed to be the Son of God.

Jesus spoke these words to the Jewish people of His day.

John 8:23-24, "And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

They refused to believe and tried to extinguish the light of the world through the crucifixion.

**Through His Rejection Jesus Became Our \_\_\_\_\_**

6. He Is the Only One (12-14)

***God Always Has a Remnant of Believers***

Throughout history there have been those who have trusted in God's Word.

• **His rejection became our \_\_\_\_\_**

John uses the word "believe" 99 times in his Gospel. To believe means to put your trust in, to commit to Him. "On His name" refers to all that He is, all He has done (His life, death, burial, and resurrection), and all He has said. Those who receive Him become children of God by spiritual birth. The term "born again" was coined by Jesus.

John 3:3, "Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

• **The Creator \_\_\_\_\_ into His creation**

Jesus entered into a new dimension of existence through physical birth. The Incarnation is the central fact of Christianity. (18) "No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him." This verse literally says "is being declared."

Colossians 2:9, "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."

**Only In Jesus Can Grace and Truth Be \_\_\_\_\_**