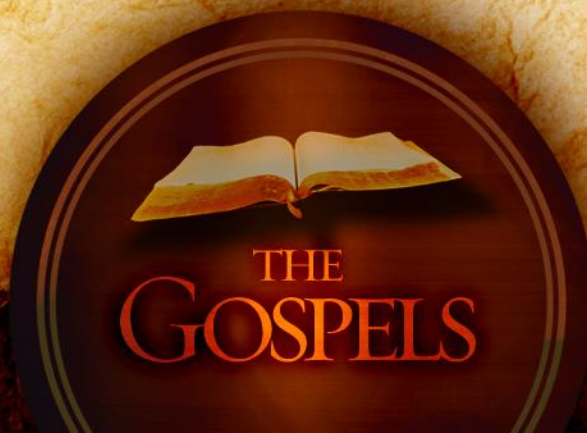




# JOHN

*Light of the World*





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3. John’s presentation of Jesus Christ is different from that of the Synoptic Gospels. John takes a theological rather than a biographical or historical approach.
4. In the first 3 verses of his Gospel, John directs us to the “Word” before Bethlehem and **BEFORE** the beginning.



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*1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-3*

## 1 CORINTHIANS 8:5-6

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“Even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), yet for us ~~there is but one God~~, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and ~~there is but one Lord~~, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.”

## COLOSSIANS 1:15-17

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“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”

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"I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church."



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## ROMANS 8:28-30

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“We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.”



## MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Every day there is a new beginning.
2. Every day there is hope.
3. Every day there must be surrender.
4. Every day there must be service.

