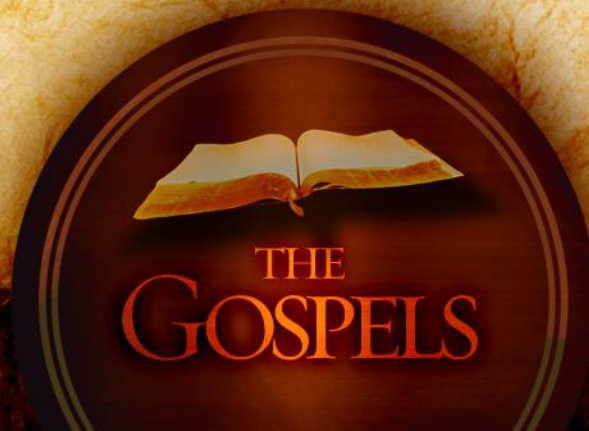




# JOHN

*Light of the World*





## THE “DARKNESS”

1. Lucifer’s rebellion (Isa. 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:11-17)  
*Rebellion resulted in a name change: “Satan” (adversary)*
2. The rebellion of other angels (cp. Rev. 12:4).
3. Adam’s (man’s) rebellion (Gen. 3:1-7).  
*Many tragic **consequences** resulted from this rebellion.*
4. The purpose of history.
5. The first promise of a coming Redeemer (Gen. 3:15).  
*The final fulfillment of this promise see Rev. 20:7-10.*

## REVELATION 20:7-10

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“When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God’s people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”



## THE “LIGHT”

1. “In him was life”

A. Physical life (vs. 3)

B. Spiritual life (36 times in the John’s Gospel)

2. “And that life was the light of men”

*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)*

3. “The light shines in the darkness” (cp. John 1:14)

4. “But the darkness has not **overcome** it” (preferable)

“Light’s nature is to shine and dispel darkness. Darkness is almost personified in this verse: darkness is unable to overpower light. By this, John summarized his Gospel record: (a) Light will invade the dominion of darkness. (b) Satan the ruler and his subjects will resist the light, but they will be unable to frustrate its power. (c) The Word will be victorious in spite of opposition.”

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## RESPONDING TO THE LIGHT

1. The Light **revealed** (vs. 9)
2. The Light **resisted** (vss. 10-11)
  - A. By His own **creatures** (vs. 10)
  - B. By His own **countrymen** (vs. 11)
3. The Light **received** (vss. 12-13)
  - A. The “formula” for the New Birth (vs. 12)  
*Believe . . . Receive . . . Become*
  - B. The nature of the New Birth (vs. 13)

