

JESUS IS.

A SERIES IN JOHN

January Memory Verse: *“1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”* **John 1:1-5, 14 ESV**

Series: Jesus Is (1)

Title: John’s Introduction of Jesus: Jesus is LORD, LIGHT, LIFE, and LOVE

Scripture: John 1:1-5; 14; 20:31

Why four gospels?

- To give a more complete picture of Jesus Christ
- To help objectively verify the truthfulness of their accounts
- To reward those who diligently seek

Questions that are essential to ask/answer when working with any book of the Bible:

1. **To whom was John written?** A generation of Christians who weren’t eyewitnesses to Christ
2. **Who wrote the Gospel of John?** John the apostle as he was carried along by the Holy Spirit
3. **What is different about the Gospel of John?**
 - 90% of the content in John is different than the other 3 gospels.
 - $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Gospel of John focuses on Jesus’ last week leading up to His death and resurrection.
 - John’s Gospel gives us the most extensive revelation from the lips of Jesus of the person and work of the Holy Spirit.
 - John is trying to persuade his readers of the truth of Christ so that they might become His disciples.

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4. Why did John write the Gospel of John?

- To show that Jesus is fully God and fully man. (John 1:1-5, 14)
 - 4 Themes recur throughout John's Gospel: Jesus is LORD, LIGHT, LIFE, LOVE (John 3:16)
- That you may BELIEVE that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and have eternal life. (John 20:31)

The central question of John's Gospel: Do you *believe* that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God?

John 1:7-8 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might *believe* through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

John 1:50-51 Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you *believe*? You will see greater things than these." 51 And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

John 2:11 This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples *believed* in him.

John 2:18-22 18 So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21 But he was speaking about the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they *believed* the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

John 3:14-16 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever *believes* in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever *believes* in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:31-36 31 He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. 32 He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. 33 Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. 34 For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. 35 The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. 36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

John 4:29-30; 39-42 "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" 30 They went out of the town and were coming to him...39 Many Samaritans from that town *believed* in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more *believed* because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we *believe*, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

John 4:49-53 The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." 50 Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man *believed* the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. 51 As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. 52 So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." 53 The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself *believed*, and all his household.

John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and *believes* him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

John 5:46-47 For if you *believed* Moses, you would *believe* me; for he wrote of me. 47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you *believe* my words?"

John 6:35-36 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever *believes* in me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not *believe*."

John 7:37-38 37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever *believes* in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

John 8:12; 28-30 12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

28 So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. 29 And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." 30 As he was saying these things, many *believed* in him.

John 9:35-38 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you *believe* in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may *believe* in him?" 37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." 38 He said, "Lord, I *believe*," and he worshiped him.

John 10:40-42 40 He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained. 41 And many came to him. And they said, "John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true." 42 And many *believed* in him there.

John 11:14-15; 38-40 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, 15 and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may *believe*. But let us go to him."

38 Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you *believed* you would see the glory of God?"

John 12:35-36 So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, *believe* in the light, that you may become sons of light."

John 13:19 I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may *believe* that I am he.

John 14:29 And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may *believe*.

John 16:29-31 29 His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! 30 Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we *believe* that you came from God.” 31 Jesus answered them, “Do you now *believe*?”

John 17:20-21 20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will *believe* in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may *believe* that you have sent me

John 19:35 He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may *believe*.

John 20:8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and *believed*;

John 20:27-29 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but *believe*.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said to him, “Have you *believed* because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have *believed*.”

John 20:31 but these are written so that you may *believe* that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by *believing* you may have life in his name.

The word “believe” is used 99x times in the Gospel of John.

- Belief does NOT mean intellectual agreement.
- Belief does NOT hope or wish.
- **Belief means to have complete and total faith in something.**
 - You don’t believe unless all your weight and fate are on something.

1. Do you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ?
2. Has your belief changed you?

So What? What does this mean for Parkway?

1. **Our vision statement:** *We are real people walking with Christ, inviting others, and serving together to reach our neighbors and the nations with the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

2. **Practical mission for Parkway:** **Our mission** is to be healthy church members who are...
- **Gathered** (gathering together corporately in large group worship/word/prayer/fellowship)
 - **Grouped** (gathering in small groups in our community, in homes where possible, as lighthouses to grow in Loving God, connecting with other believer in fellowship, being grounded in the Word of God, and Missionally engaging the community and world as small groups)
 - **Growing** (a gathering and groups church will grow Spiritually and engage the world effectively)



- **Going** (we are commissioned to go and the church is God's plan for missions everywhere)

