

# 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: Jesus is God**

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

**Why did John write the Gospel of John?**

- **John wrote his Gospel with Gentiles and Jews in mind**
- **The 1st three Gospels major on describing the events of Jesus' life and ministry. John describes the meaning of Jesus' life and ministry.**
- **That ALL may BELIEVE that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and have eternal life (John 20:31)**

**Who is Jesus? We must go to the Scriptures first to answer this question.**

4 Great Christological texts in the New Testament

Phil. 2:6-11 → humiliation (Jesus humbled) Col. 1:15-20 → creation (Jesus is Creator)

Heb. 1:1-3 → revelation (Jesus reveals God) John 1:1-18 → incarnation (Jesus became flesh)

John 1:1-18 “is a foyer to the rest of the Fourth Gospel” (Carson, John, 111)

**Who is Jesus?**

- 1. Jesus is God (He is the Word made flesh). (John 1:1,14)**
  - a. He is God's “Word” that reveals God's heart and mind to man. (John 14:9)
- 2. Jesus is the Eternal Word (He has no beginning and no end). (John 1:2, 8:58)**
- 3. Jesus is the Creator. (John 1:3, Gen. 1:1-5)**
  - a. Creation is not a process; it is a finished product. - Warren Weirsbe

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4. **Jesus is the Life. (John 1:4, 14:6)**
  - a. What is essential for life: light, air, water, food - Jesus is ALL
    - i. Light of Life (John 8:12), Sun of righteousness (Mal. 4:2)
    - ii. Breath of Life (John 3:8; 20:22)
    - iii. Water of Life (John 4:10, 13-14; 7:37-39)
    - iv. Living Bread of Life (John 6:35)
5. **Jesus is the Light. (John 1:4-5)**
  - a. Light dispels darkness. (Psalm 18:28)
  - b. Darkness does not overcome light. (John 1:5, 1 John 1:5)

**So What? What does this mean for Parkway?**

1. **People without Jesus are dead in sin and darkness.**
  - a. Physical death is separation of the soul from the body.
  - b. Spiritual death is separation of the soul from God.
2. **People love either the light or darkness. This love controls their actions. (John 3:16-19)**
3. **Satan, the power of darkness, opposes the light.**
4. **Believers on Jesus have eternal security in the light and life of Christ. (John 1:5)**
5. **Until Jesus returns, the light keeps shining in the darkness.**

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

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

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

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