



Series: The Omnipotent King and His Kingdom Eternal

Passage: John 1:1-18

Title: Unto us a Son is Given

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Discussion Starter – Why do you think John starts his gospel account in this manner, which is different than we see in the three other gospel accounts? How is John's explanation of Jesus' birth critical to having a proper understanding of who Jesus is?

- What 2 different important viewpoints does John give in describing the birth of Jesus? How can both of these viewpoints be true?
- What is the significance of John referring to Jesus as the "Word"? Read Isaiah 9:6-7. What are some the names and titles given to Jesus that stand out to you here?
- Read Colossians 1:16-17. What was the common understanding of Paul and the early church concerning the identity of Jesus?
- What inescapable conclusion can we make concerning the identity of Jesus from these verses, especially when we read verse 1:14? How is this related to Isaiah 9:6-7?
- Read verse 4. What are the 2 words in the Greek language that are translated "life" in our English bibles? What is the difference between these root words, (John 10:10)? How is life in this verse related to the death referenced in Genesis 2:17?
- Read Luke 12:15. What values and behaviors does this verse reveal to us about our misplaced priorities and pursuits to find life apart from God and His gift?
- Where does Jesus say we can find "real life", (John 5:26 and 5:39-40)?
- Describe how the life contained in Jesus is a light to you?
- Verse 1:5 can be accurately translated as either "comprehend" or "overcome". What truths can we see from each of these translations?
- How and what does the light of Jesus help us to "comprehend" in our daily walk?
- How and what does the light of Jesus help us to "overcome" in our daily walk?
- Why do we have trouble receiving the things of the Spirit of God, (1 Corinthians 2:14)? What does Jesus say we must do, (John 3:3)?
- How did this message change your understanding of Who Jesus is and what He came to do?
- How is our Christian faith fundamentally different from all other belief systems in the world?