

# John 1:1-8

## The Incarnation, The History and Mystery of Jesus



## **Main Point:**

**The God of the cosmos has made himself known  
to us through the incarnation of Jesus,  
his one and only Son.  
Jesus is God in the flesh.**

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**To understand who Jesus is, you've got to go all the way back before the beginning of the universe itself—he is the Word of God and the Light that brings life.**

**<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.  
<sup>7</sup> If you really know me, you will know my Father as well.  
From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”**

**John 14:6–7, NIV**

**<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John.**

**<sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light,  
so that through him all might believe.**

**<sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light;  
he came only as a witness to the light.**

**John 1:6-8, NIV**

**<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come,  
God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,  
<sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law,  
so that we might receive adoption as sons.**

**Galatians 4:4–5, ESV**

**<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—  
<sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.**

**John 1:9-13, NIV**

**14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.  
We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son,  
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

**John 1:14, NIV**

**18 Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory” ...**

**20 But,” he [God] said, “you cannot see my face,  
for no one may see me and live.”**

**21 Then the Lord said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock.**

**22 When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand  
until I have passed by. 23 Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back;  
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**Exodus 33:18–23, NIV**

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**15 The Son is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created:  
things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;  
all things have been created through him and for him.**

**Colossians 1:15-16, NIV**

**<sup>15</sup> (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”)**  
**<sup>16</sup> Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

**John 1:15-17, NIV**

**18 No one has ever seen God,  
but the one and only Son,  
who is himself God and is in  
closest relationship with the Father,  
has made him known.**

**John 1:18, NIV**

**The Beautiful Complexity of Truth—the Gospel,  
Summed up in this Simple Children’s Hymn  
*Jesus Loves Me***

**Loves.**

**Me.**

**This I know.**

**The Bible tells me so.**

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**“For God so loved the world  
that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish  
but have eternal life.”  
John 3:16, NIV**