

First Things First

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Read John 1:1-18.

Author & Purpose

1. What do we learn about John from **Matthew 4:21-25**, **Acts 4:13** and **Galatians 2:9**? How can this be an encouragement to you?

2. John was one who personally spent time with Jesus. As we begin our study of the book, it's helpful to know John's purpose in writing. What is his purpose according to **John 20:31**?

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3. How does **John 1:1** mirror **Genesis 1:1**? What does it mean that Jesus was in the beginning with God?

4. What role did Jesus have in creation? How does this combat the idea that Jesus was a created being or just a moral teacher?

5. What does it mean that Jesus is the light of the world? What makes the world a dark place?

6. You would expect that someone as glorious as John describes would be enthusiastically received. What is the general response of the world to Jesus in **verses 10-11**? Do you think anything has changed from that today?

7. People may have the idea that everyone is generally a child of God, yet John says that something must precede having that identity. What is the key part of **verse 12** to become a child of God? How does that play into the purpose of the book?

8. Why can this hope be shared with anyone regardless of their background or status according to **verse 13**?

9. We are dependent on God revealing Himself in order to truly know Him. How has God made himself known according to this passage? Why is it important to understand God for who He has revealed Himself to be and not how we would like Him to be?

10. **Colossians 1:15-23** coincides well with **John 1**. According to Paul in **Colossians**, what is the key to remaining unmovable in a world where we're swimming upstream? What does it practically look like to have Jesus be preeminent in our lives?