

The Gospel of John

PART 2
John 1—This God Who Invites

OUR SINGULAR GOAL FOR 2015

To walk with Jesus in intimate fellowship!

the **OUTCOME**
We will discover the deep love of Christ for us.

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JOHN 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word. 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 anything made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and this life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...

JOHN 1:1-14

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

JOHN 1:1-14

¹³ born not of natural descent, or of human decision or a husband's will, but of God. 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.

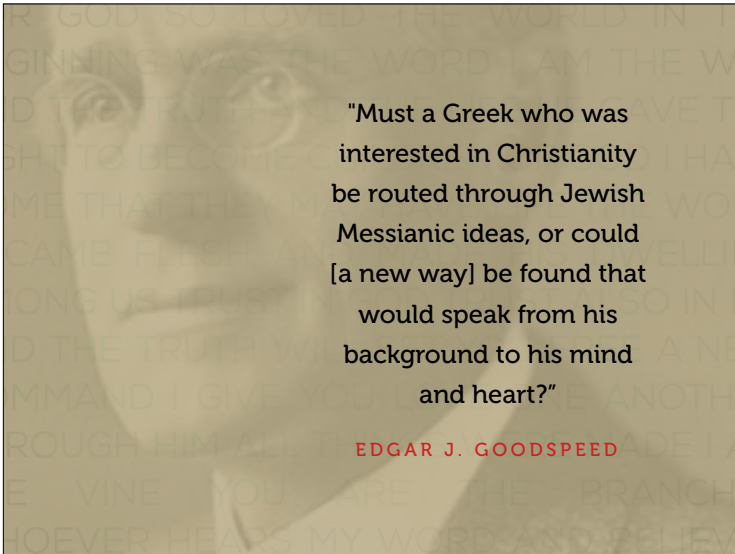
In the beginning was **the Word**.

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THE DATE OF WRITING:
AD. 90

THE AUDIENCE:
Greek seekers and
believers

THE CHALLENGE:
To explain a Jewish
idea—the Messiah—to
Greeks
unfamiliar with
that concept.



"Must a Greek who was interested in Christianity be routed through Jewish Messianic ideas, or could [a new way] be found that would speak from his background to his mind and heart?"

EDGAR J. GOODSPEED

OUR TASK

Preachers and believers alike must translate the Gospel in a way that will engage hearts and minds in the current culture.

CAVEAT
We must contemporize without compromise!

Bridging
THE JEWISH-GREEK GAP

John chose the term, "logos" since it was familiar to both.

To the Jew, the spoken word was fearfully alive. It had eternal, creative force.

Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds;
You can't do that way when you're flying words:
'Careful with fire,' is good advice we know,
'Careful with words,' is ten times doubly so.
Thoughts unexpressed may fall back dead,
But God himself can't kill them once they're said.

WILL CARLETON



**GOD'S
INFINITELY
DYNAMIC
WORD**

PSALM 33:6

"By his word the Lord made the heavens."

PSALM 107:20


"He sent his word and healed them."

ISAIAH 55:11

"My word that goes out will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

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To the Greek, Logos was the principle of order by which the universe, as well as daily events, were guided. Even human reason was both produced and guided by "the word".



"The Word became flesh and took up residence among us."
JOHN 1:14

The reasoning mind, creative power and guiding force of God became a person in Jesus Christ.

JOHN 1:12

"To all who receive him by believing in his name, he gives the right to become God children."



Discovering **Jesus** in John 1

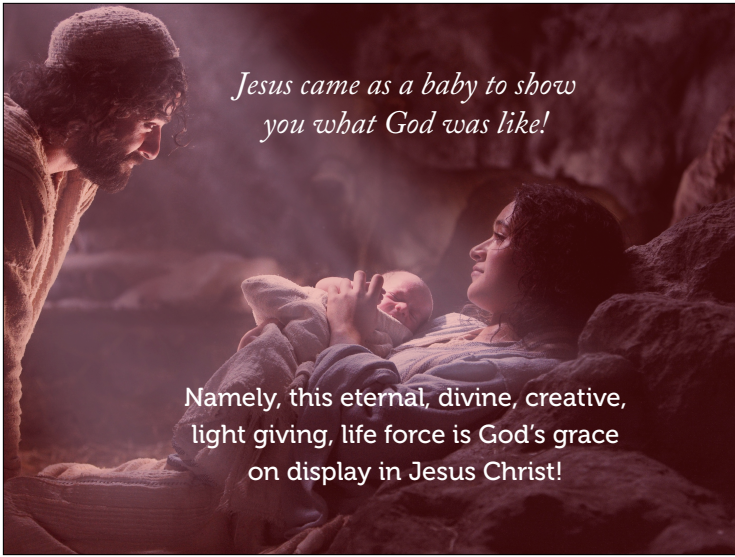
1. JESUS IS **ETERNAL**
John 1:1
2. JESUS IS **DIVINE**
John 1:1
3. JESUS IS **CREATOR**
John 1:3
4. JESUS IS **LIFE**
John 1:4
5. JESUS IS **LIGHT**
John 1:5
6. JESUS IS **GRACE**
John 1:14
7. JESUS IS **KNOWABLE**
John 1:14

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Our Greatest Need

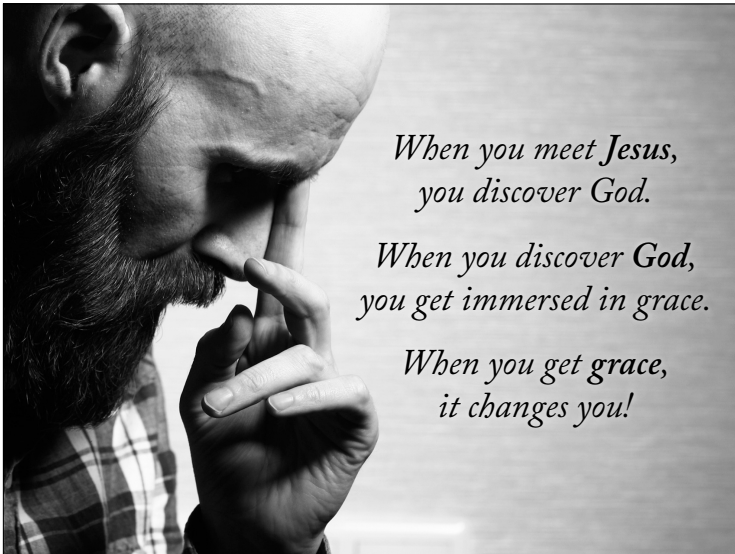
The greatest need both saved and unsaved people have is to discover God's identity—his character and personality.





*Jesus came as a baby to show
you what God was like!*

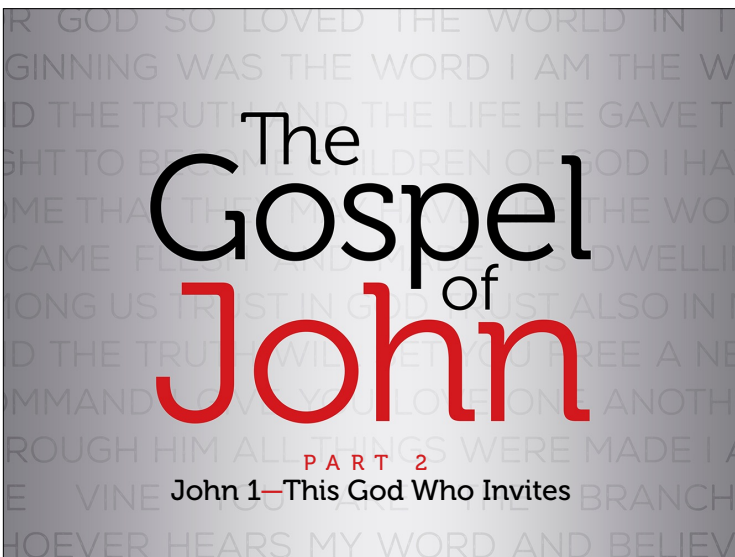
Namely, this eternal, divine, creative,
light giving, life force is God's grace
on display in Jesus Christ!



*When you meet Jesus,
you discover God.*

*When you discover God,
you get immersed in grace.*

*When you get grace,
it changes you!*



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