

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Themes in the Gospel of John. Today's topic: IN THE BEGINNING: THE PROLOGUE TO JOHN'S GOSPEL.

### 1) In the beginning was the Word

- a. John 1:1-2, 14 What does this opening revelation in John's Gospel tell us about Jesus Christ?
- b. What additional revelation does the apostle John provide about the Word? John 1:3
- c. How do the opening words of John's Gospel point us back to the creation of this world? Genesis 1:1
- d. What inspired revelation by other Bible writers confirms that the Son of God who became flesh and dwelt among us is the Creator of all things? Colossians 1:15-17, Hebrews 1:1-2, etc.
- e. What clue do we find in John 1:4-5 regarding the mission of the Word who became flesh? (See also John 8:12, 14:6)
- f. How does the opening paragraph in John's Gospel relate to John's purpose in writing his account of the life and ministry of Jesus? John 20:30-31

### 2) A witness of the Word

- a. John 1:6-7 Who was sent as an advance witness for the Word who became flesh and with what desired outcome?
- b. What inspired testimony did John the Baptist give about Jesus? John 1:29-34
- c. What prophecy of the prophet Isaiah given 700 years earlier was fulfilled in the life and ministry of John the Baptist? Isaiah 40:3 (See also John 1:19-23)

- d. According to Jesus, what additional prophecy was fulfilled in the ministry of John the Baptist? Matthew 11:7-10 (Malachi 3:1)
- e. John 1:8-13 Why didn't everyone welcome Jesus, the True Light, the Word made flesh? (See also John 3:16-19)
- f. When did you make the life-changing decision to welcome Jesus as your Messiah, your Savior?

### 3) Beholding His glory

- a. John 1:14 What glory is John referring to here—the glory revealed on the Mount of Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-3), or something else?
- b. John 17:1-4 How was the glory of God revealed in the death of Jesus on the cross?
- c. John 17:5 When was this portion of the prayer of Jesus fulfilled?
- d. What prayer did Jesus offer for each one of us? John 17:24
- e. What are your thoughts about being with Jesus and seeing an eternal revelation of His glory?
- f. Why is John's appeal in 1 John 3:1-3 so relevant for each one of us today?

