

# Sermon Outline

IN THE BEGINNING ... | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: John 1:1-18

## 1. Kicking off 2003 ...

John 1:1 In the beginning ...

John 20:30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## 2. 5 wonderful images to describe Jesus ...

### i. Jesus is ... the Word of God (verses 1-2)

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning.

"The Word of God" = Bible = Jesus

### ii. Jesus is ... the maker of all things (verse 3)

John 1:3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

### iii. Jesus is ... light in darkness (verses 4-8)

John 1:4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <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 the Baptist vs. John the Author

### iv. Jesus is ... the Father's adoption agent (verses 9-13)

John 1:9 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.

1 John 3:1 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

sin = rejecting a person (not just breaking a legal code)

### v. Jesus is ... God-revealer (verses 14-18)

John 1:14 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. <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. <sup>18</sup> 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.

grace and truth ...

**For discussion:** which of these 5 wonderful images of Jesus means most to you, and why?

## 3. Witnessing and testifying

Explore

The Word One To One (John)