

SERMON NOTES 2021

Dec. 26,

B. Spiritual life

Sermon: The Incarnation

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Text: John 1:1-18 (ESV)

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

INTRODUCTION

In today's sermon we'll see **six truths about the Messiah**, Jesus Christ, God's Son.

1. The Messiah is God, vv.1-2.

- A. Messiah as God's expression.
- B. Messiah is eternal.
- C. Messiah is distinct.
- D. Messiah is divine.

2. The Messiah is enlivening, vv.3-4.

- A. Physical life

3. The Messiah is illuminating, vv.4-5.

- A. Light is life.
- B. Light is exposing.
- C. Light is victorious.

4. The Messiah is witnessed, vv.6-8.

5. The Messiah is offered, vv.9-13.

6. The Messiah is incarnate, vv.14, 18.