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1. God Sent His Son to His Created World—and the Word Became Flesh. John 1-4

- a. John explained Christ was the Word, with God and was God. He called His disciples (1).
- b. Jesus changed water to wine, and they believed (2). He witnessed to Nicodemus (3).
- c. He witnessed to the Samaritan woman, more disciples, and healed in Galilee (4).

“The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 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,” John 1:9-14

2. Christ Announced His Identity with Seven “I Am” Illustrations. John 5-17

- a. Christ claimed to be God, healed and fed many, and said “*I Am the Bread of Life*” (5-6).
- b. He stated, “*I Am the Light of the World,*” “*the Gate,*” and “*the Good Shepherd*” (7-10).
- c. He raised Lazarus, and said, “*I am the Resurrection and the Life,*” (11).
- d. He introduced the Holy Spirit as Helper, Guide, and Counselor of sin (14-16).
- e. He said “*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,*” (14) and “*the Vine*” (15).

“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’ So the Pharisees said to him, ‘You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true.’ Jesus answered, ‘Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going,’” John 8:12-14

3. He Fulfilled His Death, Resurrection and Ascension. John 18-21

- a. He was arrested, tried by Jews before Annas and Caiaphas, and Romans by Pilate (18).
- b. Christ was crucified, the soldiers cast lots, He died and was buried (19).
- c. Christ arose, appeared to Mary Magdalene, and met with disciples three times (20-21).

“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name,” John 20:30-31

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