

# sermon notes

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- 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus (1:6–8)
  
- 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (1:9–11)
  
- 3) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (1:12–13)

## Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

### GO DEEPER

According to John 1, what was John the Baptist’s role? Why is he significant?

What does the Bible mean when it refers to darkness? What about light? What is significant about Jesus’s identity as the “true light” (1:9)? What is our relationship with “this light” (see Matt 5:14–16; 2 Cor 4:6–7)?

What passages in the Bible speak of Christ’s deity? Must we believe that Christ is fully God? What passages in the Bible speak of Christ’s humanity? Must we believe that Christ became fully human? If so, why? To help you with these questions, see the following video on the hypostatic union:

<https://app.vidgrid.com/view/dbmeeYBTIGZo>

### GET PERSONAL

What is the gospel as defined in the NT? Do you believe the gospel? When did you first believe it? Are you able to articulate the essence of the gospel in a short conversation? Can you do it with a few sentences? Try to do that now. Can you do it in one sentence?

Read John 1:12–13. How does someone become a “child of God?” Are we born as children of God? Are *you* a child of God? What is meant when people say that God has no grandchildren?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

How would you respond to someone who says, “What difference does it make what we ‘theologically’ believe about Jesus? Can’t we just put Jesus’s teaching into practice? Can’t we just love each other and do good things for each other like Jesus did for us?” What practical difference does our understanding of John 1:1–18 make in our lives? Isn’t this just heady theology?

### ADVANCED QUESTION #1

In the *Chronicles of Narnia*, Lucy thought that Aslan had grown bigger. But Aslan said, “I am not [bigger]. But every year you grow, you will find me bigger.” What is meant by that statement? Has your view of Jesus grown bigger as you age in faith? Do you think that our view of Jesus will continue to grow in eternity?

### ADVANCED QUESTION #2

Look up the following heretical views in a dictionary or a theological resource: 1) Docetism, 2) Gnosticism, 3) Arianism, 4) Montanism, 5) Adoptionism, 6) Apollinarianism, 7) Marcionism, 8) Modalism, and 9) Pelagianism. What did these heresies get wrong about Christ? What did they get wrong about mankind and human sinfulness? Why are these heretical views so dangerous?