

RE-INTRODUCING JESUS

John 1:1-18



SYNOPSIS

This past Sunday, Pastor Jason shared about the true light that has come to breakthrough the darkness within our world. As we consider the darkness in the world and in our heart, we see how great and powerful the Word of God must be. He not only shines in the midst of darkness and is not overcome by it, but He conquers the darkness. Jesus is greater than the darkness, but not only that, He is greater than every lesser light.

Sometimes we look to other people in our lives as 'lights'. We look to them to provide light for us in our moments of darkness, but we are reminded that even the greatest human in history does not compare to the true light that was entering into this world. If we truly knew God, we would not hesitate to lay everything down to follow Him. He is not only a stranger who came to rescue us, but He is intimately connected to us.

Yet in our sin, humanity rejected Him. Yet even when God knew this was going to happen, what did he do? The Word of God became flesh and He came to dwell among us. He became a tangible expression of love.

Jesus came so that we could see the light for ourselves. We don't just see ideas or concepts, we see him embracing lepers and Samaritans. We see him weeping over those who hate him. We see him associating with the marginalized. We see the righteous anger, rebuking the religious people for their lack of compassion. We see the light of the world washing feet of ungrateful people, forgiving his closest friends after they betray him. As we ponder the love of Jesus, may we take joy in the fact that the Word of God became flesh so that we could tangibly see for ourselves the incredible love of God.



OUTLINE

1 THE OVERWHELMING DARKNESS
We don't have to look too far to understand the darkness in our hearts and in our world. We realize our inconsistencies and our own failings, not to mention the brokenness of this world all around us. The reality of sin is dark and grim, but that darkness has been met with a light...

2 THE TRUE LIGHT THAT CAME
Though there are many lesser lights that we turn to, the one true light that came into the world is the Word of God who became flesh. Jesus came as the true light to come and conquer sin and darkness. This true light is not simply worthy of our affection and respect, but of reverent endless worship and adoration.

3 TANGIBLE EXPRESSION OF LOVE
God's love is not just an idea or concept, but His coming reminds us that He came to be a tangible expression of the love of God so that we could experience a foretaste of this divine love!



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

How do you usually go about thinking through the darkness in your heart and in this world? Do you try to push it aside of your mind? Do you get overwhelmed by it?

2

Pastor Jason gave several tangible examples love (ex: a mother working two jobs who cares for her young children even in her exhaustion). What are some tangible ways you've experienced love?

3

What are some 'lesser lights' that you turn to for comfort? Who are some 'lesser lights' that you turn to in your moments of darkness?

4

Who is one person that needs to encounter the light of Christ this Christmas season? Spend some time praying for this person and send them a message of encouragement.



BIG IDEA

The Word of God became flesh and came to dwell among us. He came to be more than just an idea or a concept, but a living and breathing example of the love of God for a broken humanity. Even in the midst of great darkness, He was not overcome by it - but rather He conquered it. Because of that, he is worthy of endless reverent worship and adoration. This Christmas Season, may we ponder this beautiful love that has come for us.