

That You Might Believe

◆ A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN ◆



"These things are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you might have life in His name." John 20:31

A 'Tuesday Night at the Crescent' Series

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Subject: Christ in all the Ages (John 1:1-18)

1. The Prologue:

- a) It is a directive to the reader how the entire Gospel should be read and understood. As John's Gospel is entirely taken up with Christ so the prologue is wholly taken up with Him.
- b) It is like an overture, calculated to whet the appetite of the hearers and bringing together the themes developed in it (See for example, 17:5; 3:16; 8:12; 11:25; 2:11; 12:41; 16:8-11 etc.)
- c) It may have simplicity of language but it is far from simple; it deals with profundities such as 'life', 'light', 'glory', 'grace', 'truth', 'revelation'.

2. Christ, the Word, in all ages:

- a) The Word in eternity past (v1-2).
- b) The Word in creation (v3-4).
- c) The Word in the age of the prophets (v6-9).
- d) The Word at the incarnation (v10-11).
- e) The Word on earth (v14-28).
- f) The Word at Calvary (v29).
- g) The Word at Pentecost (v30-34).
- h) The Word in the present age (v35-42).
- i) The Word at the restoration of the Jews (v43-51).
- j) The Word at the marriage supper (2:1-11).

"I am always moved by those words in St. John's Gospel ... 'He was in the world and the world was made by him and the world knew him not.' We have only to listen to the news to know the truth of that. But the Gospel goes on; 'But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God.' For all the inhumanity around us, let us be grateful for those who have received him and who go about quietly doing their work and his will without thought of reward or recognition."

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