

Sermon Outline
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Jesus, the True Light of the World
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Sermon Text: John 1:5-18

• **Light dispels darkness!**

[5] The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Genesis 1:1ff

Revelation 21:23-25

• **Spiritual metaphor**

1 John 2:8

• **Real History**

[6] There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. [7] He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.

John is not the One

[8] He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

Acts 19:1-5

• **Common Grace and Universal Offer**

[9] The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

Story of the Old Testament (in two verses)

[10] He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. [11] He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

[12] But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

- **New Birth by God's will**

[13] who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

[18] No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

- **Brightness of the Father**

Exodus 33:18-23 and John 12:31-36