



**Sermon Title: "Jesus, the Conquering, Life-Giving Light"**

**Scripture: John 1:4-8**

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## Introduction

### I. Jesus, the Eternal Word

1) Jesus has existed from eternity \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Jesus has existed from eternity past in \_\_\_\_\_ with the Father and with the Spirit.

3) Jesus is in fact \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible is very clear, there is ONE God and only one God:

***Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10-11; 44:6; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 Timothy 2:5; Rev 22:12-13 -***

4) All things that exist have been created through, and because of, \_\_\_\_\_.

This is hugely important in answering some of life's biggest questions:

- Who am I? Why am I here?
- Does my life have any meaning?
- What's the purpose of my life?

***Colossians 1:16 - "...all things were created through Him and for Him."***

Note: See all things in relationship to \_\_\_\_\_ and you will see them as they truly are.

5) There has never been \_\_\_\_\_ created that wasn't created by Jesus.

6) Jesus, as "the Word", is the perfect, the ultimate, \_\_\_\_\_ and revelation of God.

*Why didn't John write, "In the beginning was the Action or Emotion/Passion or Thought"?*

***John 14:9 - "Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father."***

***Hebrews 1:1-2a - "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son..."***

## II. Jesus, the Conquering, Life-Giving Light

Question #1 - What does it mean that Jesus is light and life?

**2 Corinthians 4:3-6 -**

Question #2 - What couldn't the darkness do?

Question #3 - Why does John the Apostle bother to introduce John the Baptist?

1) John the Baptist's Perplexing \_\_\_\_\_

Note: You don't need to announce "light" to people who can already see. Everyone who can see, immediately perceives and recognizes light when it is present.

**John 12:35-36 -**

2) John the Baptist's Profound \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 1:80 -**

3) John the Baptist's Plain \_\_\_\_\_

4) John the Baptist's Precise \_\_\_\_\_

**John 3:25-30; 2 Corinthians 5:20 -**

### Take Home Questions for Further Study...

1) How does John 1:1-3 help us to understand and see the truthfulness of the Trinity?

2) Why does John emphasize that Jesus created all things? What error/heresy is John striving to refute and avoid?

3) What is one reason why Jesus is called "the Word"? Why is it insufficient to call Him "the Action", "the Emotion/Passion", or "the Thought"?

4) Why is it ridiculous to debate and argue about who/what God is like? How can we know for certain who/what God is like?

5) In what way is Jesus "light" and "life"? What does Jesus do as the "light" and "life"?

6) What was the purpose & point of John the Baptist's ministry? Why was it necessary?

7) How is our work/ministry similar and different from that of John the Baptist's?