

INTRODUCTION

- * Last week, Chuck presented an overview of the Gospel according to John ... sharing it's fit, form and function within the context of Scripture.
- * One of the most important parts of writing a book is having a catchy introduction, or beginning; something that will grab the attention of the potential reader and at the same time will give a hint toward what the remainder of the book will be about.
- * The Gospel According to John does exactly that. This is a true marvel, as the Sanhedrin gave testimony to: "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus."
- * John was a simple Galilean fisherman who penned one of the most profound books ever written - and that is because it was "god-breathed."
- * John begins this Gospel account by blending concepts that would grab both the Jewish and Greek mind ... and would lay the foundation of his two-fold purpose - Confirming the Deity of Christ (the Son of God who took on flesh to become the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world) in order to undergird the Unity of the Church

INSTRUCTION**I. THE I _____ OF THE WORD**

A. He Was _____ (cf. Genesis 1:1)

B. He Was _____ (v. 1,2)

C. He Was _____

D. He Was _____ (v. 3, 4, 10; cf. Exodus 20:11; Isaiah 40:28; 42:5; 45:18; John 5:21,26; 1 John 1:2)

E. He Was _____ (cf. John 8:12; 9:5; 12:35,46; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23-25)

II. THE I _____ OF THE WORD

A. He B _____ Flesh (cf. Philippians 2:5-7)

B. He T _____ Among Us (cf. Revelation 7:15; 13:6; 21:3)

* skaeno from skaenos - tabernacle (cf. Revelation 7:15; 13:6; 21:3); Acts 18:3 Aquila and Priscilla were tent-makers

* As opposed to katoikos - to house at (cf. Luke 21:35; Acts 2:14; 4:16; 13:27)

As opposed to menos - to abide; dwell at (cf. Luke 9:4; 19:5; 24:29; John 12:46; 14:16; 15:4,6,7,10)

C. He R _____ The Glory of the Only Begotten (v. 14,18)

* cf. John 1:14,18; 3:16,18; 1 John 4:19; Genesis 22:2,12,16; Zechariah 12:10

D. He E _____ the Father (v. 8)

III. THE II _____ OF THE WORD (v. 11-13)

A. The P _____ of Receiving Christ

B. The P _____ of Belief

C. The P _____ Was God's

INTROSPECTION

- * WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?
- * HAVE YOU RECEIVED HIM INTO YOUR LIFE? HAVE YOU SUBMITTED TO THE WILL AND PLAN OF GOD?
- * DOES YOUR LIFE REFLECT ONE WHO TRULY BELIEVES THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD WHO BECAME THE LAMB OF GOD TO TAKE AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * Read 1 Peter 3:15, Discuss some verses that "exegete" that Jesus is God. How can best be prepared to share this important truth with Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Atheists and Agnostics?