

INTRODUCING JESUS

Guide to Sharing Jesus Through the Gospel of John

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Chapter 1: The Witness of John

God Identifies with Humanity (1-18)

1. 1-15 What extraordinary claim is being made in these verses for Jesus? _____

What is one kind of evidence that would make such a claim believable? (6-8,15) _____

What makes John the Baptist a credible witness? (6, 15) _____

If the loving God clothed Himself in human flesh, what kind of person would He be? (4-5, 9, 14) _____
Why would many *not* want to receive Him? (10-11) _____

What kind of person *would* want to receive Him? _____

Why would God want to identify Himself with humanity? (12-13) _____

What does this tell us about God? _____ About man? _____
2. 16-18 What is the meaning of v 17? _____

According to v 18, what did Jesus accomplish? _____

3. **Think:** How would you briefly summarize this section? _____

4. **Personal:** Would you like to learn about what happened when the God of heaven came to live among mankind? _____

The Witness of John (19-51)

1. 19-34 How does John's negative testimony to the Jewish authorities enhance his credibility? _____

What is John's mission? (22-23, 26-31) _____

What does v 29 mean, and how does it relate to v 12? _____

How do v 32-34 increase the value of John's testimony? _____

2. 35-49 What is the pattern in the development of faith in Jesus' first disciples, beginning with the hearsay evidence of John? (35-36)_____

How could a similar pattern apply today?_____

3. 50-51 What is the promise of these verses?_____

How could Jesus be a ladder between earth and heaven, and how does v 51 connect with v 12 and v 29?_____

4. **Think:** Which of these first disciples of Jesus impresses you the most?_____ Why?_____

5. **Personal:** Do *you* want to continue learning about Jesus?_____