

Sermon Reading: John 1:1-5
Sermon Title: John's New Genesis

The Goal of John 1:1-5

John aims to:

1. Glorify Jesus as the Personal Revelation of God

- [cite] Hebrews 1:1-2
- Application: Your interactions with the "word of God" are interactions with the personal revelation of God: Jesus Christ.

John aims to:

2. Glorify Jesus as the One, True God

- Indications in John 1 that Jesus is clearly identified as God:
 - "The Word was God" (1)
 - "In the beginning" (1)
 - "All things were made through Him" (3)
 - "In Him was life" (4)
 - Cite: John 5:26
- Quote: "I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to..." C.S. Lewis, "Mere Christianity"
- Application: The most practical thing you can do for your life is to truly know that Jesus is God.

John aims to:

3. Glorify Jesus as the Light of Mankind

- Light in John almost always indicates spiritual/moral light (3:19-20; 8:12)
- Application: Establish Word-centric categories and language for your experiences in life
- Application: Be encouraged that where the light of Jesus shines it confounds and overcomes darkness