

“Introduction to 1st John”

NOTES

Scripture Refs

John 1:1,14; 8:12; 10:10,14; 15:4; 17:17; 19:27; 20:8

1 John 1:1,5; 2:3,6; 4:8; 5:11; Matt. 4:21–22; 5:16; 26:36–46

Mark 1:20; 9:2–8; Luke 8:51–56; 9:54–56

Acts 3:1–10; 4:18–20; 8:14–17; Gal. 2:9; Phil. 2:7; 1 Cor. 15:20; Rev. 21:8

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Reflection & Discussion

1. Read 1 John 1:1 and John 1:14
 - a. Why does John emphasize the reality of the *incarnate Jesus*?
 - b. How does John’s testimony motivate/compel you to share the reality of Jesus in your own life?
 - c. What Scriptures command us to share Jesus with others? (Do you? Share your ‘method’ or ‘technique’ that might inspire others.)

2. Consider John’s description of the Lord as “light” (read 1 John 1:5, also John 8:12)
 - a. What is the significance of Jesus Christ being “light”?
 - b. How should a believer’s life reflect this truth?

3. Read 1 John 2:3-6 and John 15:4
 - a. Have an open discussion about the meaning of these passages (being *doers* of the Word; *abiding* in Jesus by means of obeying His commands, etc.)
 - b. What might impede you in obeying the Lord?
 - c. How would you encourage a ‘weaker’ Christian to stay strong and persevere in their obedience?