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The Divine Word

John 1:1-3

Main idea: Jesus Christ is the eternal God the Son, who created all things and was incarnated among us to be our promised Messiah and eternal Savior.

Introduction

- A theology of Christmas
- John's context: Present heresy and Greek thinking
- John's purpose - **John 20:30-31**

Jesus, The Eternal Word - (vv. 1-2)

- The eternal Logos
- The Logos is God
 - He was eternally God - **Philippians 2:6; Genesis 1:1**

"John takes us back behind creation itself, to the One who simply is."
- Gordon Keddie

- He is God the Son - **John 8:58; Micah 5:2; John 20:28**

"The Word is God communicating Himself, not merely His ideas."

Jesus, The Sovereign Creator - (v. 3)

- Jesus is NOT the first creature of God's creation
- Jesus is the coeternal, divine Agent of all that is created - **Colossians 1:15-17; Psalm 33:6; 107:20**

"The One who was heralded by the angels to the Bethlehem shepherds, who walked this earth for thirty-three years, who was crucified at Calvary and who rose in triumph from the grave, and who forty days later departed from these scenes, was none other than the Lord of Glory."
- A.W. Pink

So What?

Three desires from John's introduction:

- John desires us not merely to know about God but to know God

*"The incarnation means that the invisible God can now be known personally."
- JM Boice*

- John desires us to believe and to behold
 - **John 20:30-31; 4:24; 17:24**
 - John desires us to be incarnational and missional
 - **John 1:9-14**
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Now What? (Growth Group Discussion) (Adults)

- Read **Colossians 1:15-19**. List some observations about Jesus and what He did.
 - Why does Paul connect Jesus as the Agent of all things and also the head of the church?
 - Is it possible to understand the truth about Jesus but not know Him personally and intimately? How do we know we are saved? Can **vv. 21-23** help us understand the life of someone who lives in a relationship with Jesus Christ?
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Now What? (Growth Group Discussion) (Students)

***** Leader's Notes**

- How many people do you know? Can you know information about people but not the real person? What are some things that stop us from really knowing each other?
- Read **Ephesians 3:17-19 (NLT)**. What does it mean to be loved and cherished?
- Read **Daniel 2:20-23; 9:4, 9, 23**. Describe a time when something or someone made you speechless or awestruck.
- How do both of these realities (Being cherished and loved and being awestruck) affect how you respond to God in your daily life?
 - **Knowing God is knowing without a doubt (By faith) that you are loved and cherished, and seeing his glory unstoppably leads you to awestruck wonder and worship of Him.**

- Can we know about Jesus and His birth, life, death, and resurrection but not really love and cherish Him? (Think of Judas Iscariot)