

# BEHOLD THE SON OF GOD IN ALL HIS GLORY

JOHN 1:1-18

## SYNOPSIS

At the heart of Christmas is the greatest gift ever given. God himself stepped into our world to rescue those who were truly in debt. In John 1, we are invited to behold Jesus Christ as fully God and fully man. This sermon calls us to slow down and contemplate the miracle of the incarnation, not merely as doctrine, but as life changing truth. As we behold Christ's divinity, we see his eternal glory, authority, and power. As we behold his humanity, we see his nearness, compassion, and saving grace. Christmas is not sentiment. It is rescue. Grace upon grace.

## SERMON OUTLINE

### INTRODUCTION

- Opening illustration: The undeserved gift of Saint Nicholas
- Christmas as the story of a far greater rescue
- Main Idea: To behold Christ's full divinity and full humanity

### I. BEHOLD THE SON'S DIVINITY

1. Examining the Text
  - a. The Word is Personal
  - b. The Word Existed Before Creation
  - c. The Word is Relational
  - d. The Word Gives Life
2. Interpreting the Meaning of the Text: Jesus Christ was fully God.
3. Applying the Text
  - a. Proper Worship
  - b. The Great Cost of Rejecting Christ
  - c. The Certainty of God's Love in Christ

## II BEHOLD THE SON'S HUMANITY

1. Examining the Text
  - a. Took on Flesh
  - b. Dwelt Among Us
  - c. Seen His Glory
2. Interpreting the Meaning of the Text: Jesus Christ was fully human in every way except sin.
3. Applying the Text
  - a. Marvel at the infant Christ this Christmas
  - b. Seek After Christ through the Gospel

## CONCLUSION

- Those who receive grace become generous with grace
- Behold the Son of God in all his glory

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is it important to understand that Jesus is fully God and fully man rather than only one or the other?
2. How does John's description of Jesus as the Word shape your understanding of creation and salvation?
3. In what ways does the incarnation deepen your assurance of God's love for you personally?
4. How does the contrast between law and grace help you better understand why Christmas was necessary?
5. What would it look like this season for your worship and daily life to be shaped by the glory of Christ you have beheld?