

IN THE BEGINNING

As preached on Sunday, August 3rd

Read: John 1:1-13

1. In what ways does the gospel of John differ from Matthew, Mark & Luke? Have you ever done a deep study of John?
2. John reveals his gospel's thesis in chapter 20. What is the thesis?
3. In what ways does John tell us that Jesus is life? What is the significance of Jesus being described as light?
4. Who is the witness John describes in vv.6-8? What is his message?
5. What are the two kinds of rejection described in vv.10-11? Who are the two groups of people who rejected Jesus?
6. In vv.12-13 we are told that "those who receive Jesus by faith and believe in his name" are given the right to become children of God. What, exactly, does it mean to receive Jesus? What are the benefits of becoming children of God?
7. As we prepare to spend a year studying John's gospel, what impact do you expect it might have on your relationship with Jesus?