

Sermon: *The Life of Jesus*

Scripture: John 1:1-5; 9-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome^{ed} it.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Reflection Questions:

- In John 1:1–3, if Jesus truly is the eternal Creator through whom all things exist, how should that reshape the way you view your own life, purpose, and authority over yourself?
- John 1:5 says the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it—where do you still see darkness resisting Christ's light in your own heart, and why?
- In John 1:10–11, the world did not recognize or receive its own Creator—what are subtle ways you might acknowledge Jesus intellectually yet still fail to truly receive Him?
- John 1:14 says the Word became flesh and dwelt among us—what does it mean for your daily life that God has made Himself personally knowable, not just conceptually understandable?
- According to John 1:12–13, becoming a child of God is not based on human effort but on receiving and believing—what are you currently relying on (even subtly) instead of fully trusting in Christ alone?

Guided Prayer: *Praise God for who He is as revealed in this passage. Thank Him for being the eternal creator... who holds your life together... who reveals all truth. Ask Him to help you to see more of who He is. Repent of the ways you depend on yourself instead of on Him. Commit yourself to depend on Christ and Christ alone. Ask God to help you. Thank Him for His grace and love. Thank Him for making you His child, forever held by His grace.*

In Jesus' name, Amen.