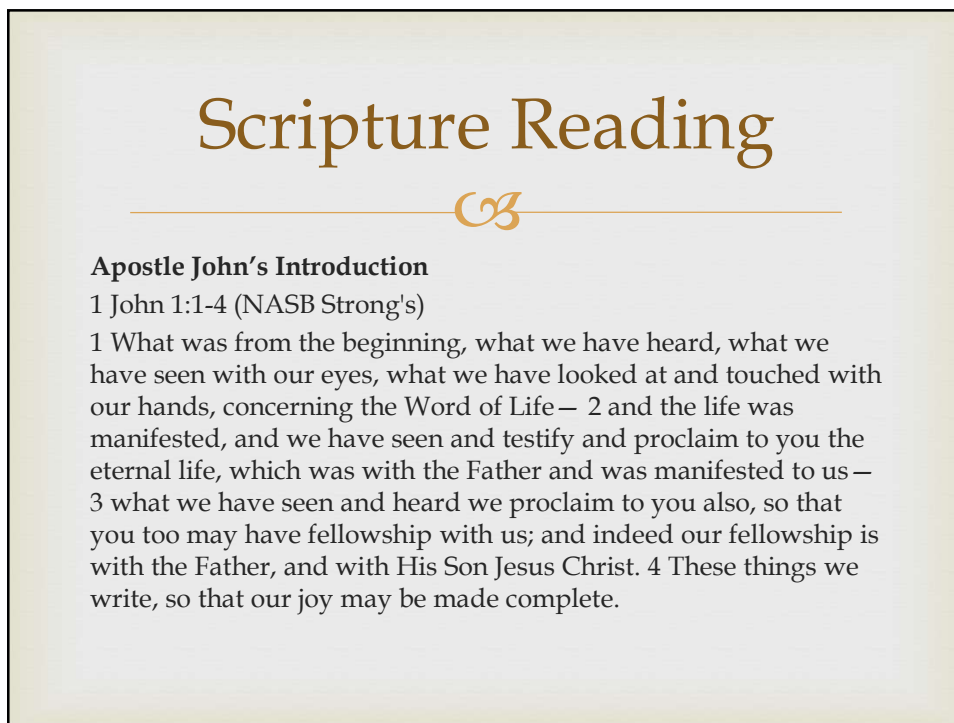


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## Key themes of our passage



Defends Christology (Jesus the God-Man)

100% Divine:

TRUTH: Jesus is eternal (has no beginning or end)

TRUTH: Jesus is the source of life

TRUTH: Jesus is eternal life

TRUTH: Jesus is One with the Father

100% Human:

TRUTH: Jesus was a real human being

TRUTH: Jesus walked, talked, and can be touched

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## Exposit: 1Jn 1:1



1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life –

☞ Can also be rendered “[Who] was from the beginning”

☞ Jesus existed before creation started (eternal)

☞ “what we have heard”

☞ Jesus spoke actual human words

☞ “what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at”

☞ Jesus lived His life in the sight of men

☞ “touched with our hands”

☞ Jesus had a physical human body like we have

☞ “the Word of Life” [more on this]

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## “the Word of Life”



☞ “the Word of Life”

☞ Read an account in John’s gospel

**John 6:26-40**

[Jesus fed the 5000, crowds flocked to Him, walked on water, and is now addressing the crowd]

26 Jesus answered them and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. 27 Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.” 28 Therefore they said to Him, “What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?” 29 Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.” 30 So they said to Him, “What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘HE gave them bread out of heaven to eat.’” 32 Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.” 34 Then they said to Him, “Lord, always give us this bread.”

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## “the Word of Life”



[John 6 Jesus still addressing the crowd]

35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

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## “the Word of Life”



[John 6 the crowd begins to grumble at Jesus’s claim]

41 Therefore the Jews were grumbling about Him, because He said, “I am the bread that came down out of heaven.” 42 They were saying, “Is not <sup>1</sup> this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, ‘I have come down out of heaven?’” 43 Jesus answered and said to them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. 44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught of God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father. 47 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.”

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## “the Word of Life”



[John 6 the crowd begins to argue against one another]

52 Then the Jews began to argue with one another, saying, “How can this man give us His flesh to eat?” 53 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. 54 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. 55 For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. 56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me. 58 This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever.”

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- 1 Interesting that in this account they did not deny Jesus's humanity. They acknowledge His person, His earthly father Joseph, and earthly mother (Mary). The Jews traced Jesus's lineage not from heaven, but from Joseph and Mary.

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## “the Word of Life”



[John 6 Jesus now addresses His disciples]

59 These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. 60 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this said, “This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?” 61 But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, “Does this cause you to stumble? 62 What then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? 63 **It is the Spirit who gives life**; the flesh profits nothing; **the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life**. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. 65 And He was saying, “For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father.”

66 As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore. 67 So Jesus said to the twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?” 68 Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? **You have words of eternal life**. 69 We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God.” 70 Jesus answered them, “Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and yet one of you is a devil?” 71 Now He meant Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray Him.

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## “the Word of Life”



☞ “the Word of Life”

☞ In taking into account John 6:63, 68

☞ It is the Holy Spirit who gives life

☞ Flesh profits nothing

☞ Man’s sin and rebellion produces death, passed down since Adam

☞ Jesus’s WORDS are SPIRIT and LIFE

☞ Jesus’s words are from the Holy Spirit

☞ Jesus’s words produces life

☞ Those who are born of the SPIRIT has eternal life (Jn 3)

☞ “the Word of Life” = “Jesus who is God, the source of life, eternal life”

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## Exposit: 1Jn 1:2



2 and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us—

- ☞ “which was with the Father” [more on this]
  - ☞ Jesus is fully God
- ☞ “manifested to us” [more on this]

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## “which was with the Father”



- ☞ “which was with the Father”
  - ☞ Read an account in John’s gospel  
John 1:1-5  
1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. 5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it...
  - 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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## “which was with the Father”



John 1:1-5 [insert Person of Godhead]

1 In the beginning was [Jesus], and [Jesus] was with [the Father], and [Jesus too] was God. 2 [Jesus] was in the beginning with [the Father]. 3 All things came into being through [Jesus], and apart from [Jesus] nothing came into being that has come into being. 4 In [Jesus] was life, and [Jesus] was the Light of men. 5 [Jesus] shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it...

14 And [Jesus] became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw [Jesus's] glory, glory as of the only begotten [Son] from the Father, [Jesus is] full of grace and truth.

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## “which was with the Father”



☞ “which was with the Father”

☞ Jesus was with the Father before creation

☞ Affirms Jesus is Co-equal and Co-eternal with the Father

☞ The Jews also knew Jesus's claim to be One with the Father, is to claim Deity:

John 10:24-33

24 The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.” 25 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me. 26 But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 **I and the Father are one.**”

31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. 32 Jesus answered them, “I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?” 33 The Jews answered Him, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and **because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God.**”

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- 5 again the Jews did not deny Jesus's humanity  
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## “the life was manifested”



- ☞ “the life was manifested”
  - ☞ Greek “phaneroo” which means to make visible
    - ☞ Air or oxygen as an example
    - ☞ Wind as another example
  - ☞ Jesus always existed, but did not make Himself visible until He was born of a virgin, born as a Man

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## What else will be manifested?



- ☞ **Eternal life** is invisible, but is a present reality, and will come to fruition

### John 6:47

47 Truly, truly, I say to you, **he who believes has eternal life.**

### Matthew 19:27-30

27 Then Peter said to Him, “Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?” 28 And Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name’s sake, will receive many times as much, **and will inherit eternal life.** 30 But many who are first will be last; and the last, first.

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- 7 again the Jews did not deny Jesus's humanity  
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## What else will be manifested?



☞ The **kingdom of God** is invisible, but a present reality, and will come to fruition

### **Luke 17:20-21**

20 Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; 21 nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, **the kingdom of God is in your midst.**"

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## What else will be manifested?



☞ The **kingdom of God** is invisible, but a present reality, and will come to fruition

### **Romans 14:17**

17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

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- 13     again the Jews did not deny Jesus's humanity  
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## What else will be manifested?



☞ The **kingdom of God** is invisible, but a present reality, and will come to fruition

### Isaiah 16:5

A throne will even be established in lovingkindness,  
**And a judge will sit on it** in faithfulness **in the tent of David;**  
 Moreover, he will seek justice  
 And be prompt in righteousness.

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## What else will be manifested?



☞ The **kingdom of God** is invisible, but a present reality, and will come to fruition

### Jeremiah 33:14-17 The Davidic Kingdom

14 'Behold, days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will fulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth; and He shall execute justice and righteousness **on the earth.** 16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell in safety; and this is the name by which she will be called: the Lord is our righteousness.' 17 For thus says the Lord, '**David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel;**

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- 11 again the Jews did not deny Jesus's humanity  
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## What else will be manifested?



☞ The **kingdom of God** is invisible, but a present reality, and will come to fruition

### Matthew 25:31-34

31 “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, **then He will sit on His glorious throne**. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; 33 and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.

34 “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, **inherit the kingdom** prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

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## What else will be manifested?



☞ **New spiritual birth** is invisible, but is a present reality, and will come to fruition

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## What else will be manifested?



John 3:1-15

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; 2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus \*said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 **The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound<sup>14</sup> of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.**"

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## Exposit: 1Jn 1:3



3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ

- ✧ The One True Religion (Biblical Christianity) is to embrace the biblical Jesus and His Word (the Bible)
- ✧ When you embrace the biblical Jesus and the Bible
  - ✧ You embrace the One True God
  - ✧ You inherit and possess eternal life
  - ✧ You are Spirit filled and born again
  - ✧ You are in fellowship w/God and w/other believers
    - ✧ Evidence of possessing eternal life

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## Converse is true



- ☞ If you reject the One True Religion (Biblical Christianity), is to reject the biblical Jesus and reject His Word (the Bible)
- ☞ When you reject the biblical Jesus and the Bible
  - ☞ You reject the One True God
  - ☞ You will not inherit nor possess eternal life
  - ☞ You are not Spirit filled nor born again
  - ☞ You will not have fellowship with other believers
    - ☞ You will not have any evidences of possessing eternal life

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## Exposit: 1Jn 1:4



4 These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

- ☞ “we” plural; John probably ministered with Peter, James
- ☞ “write” – authoritative; speaks to his apostolic authority
- ☞ Goal of 1John is “so that our joy may be made complete”
  - ☞ A fruit of the Spirit is “joy”, the Spirit confirms with our Spirit that we are God’s children
  - ☞ Greek for ‘complete’ is ‘plēroō’ which means to “fulfill”, “to increase”, to be “fully filled”
  - ☞ John’s gospel is sufficient, but with this epistle and the other epistles, the inner testimony of the Spirit it makes God’s promises a reality

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## Exposit: 1Jn 1:4



4 These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

- ☞ Lastly, part of John's joy is to bring our joy to fulfillment!
- ☞ John wrote to reaffirm our salvation so that we may rejoice fully!
- ☞ Joy is rooted in truth and expresses itself in praise, doxology