

Welcome to Plymouth First Baptist Church
The Lord's Day, June 6, 2021

In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.
John 1:1-2

10:50 AM Church Family Announcements

11 AM Morning Worship

Prelude		B.J. Lyle
Opening Scripture	John 1:1-5	Pastor Paul
Prayer		Pastor Paul
*Praise Songs	<i>“Shout to the Lord”, “Ten Thousand Reasons”</i>	
Children’s Sermon		Pastor Karen
Hymn	<i>“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”</i> vv. 1,2,3	Page 11
Pastoral Prayer		
Communion		
Ministry in Music	<i>“Shine, Jesus, Shine”</i>	Flute Duet Madeline & Mollie Chandler
Sermon	“In the Beginning Was...Jesus”	Pastor Paul
*Hymn of Invitation	<i>“Be Thou My Vision”</i> vv. 1,4	Page 562
Presentation to Karen		Scott Chandler

Sermon: In the Beginning Was...Jesus

Scriptures: Hebrews 13:7-8; John 20:30-31; John 1:1-5; Gen. 1:26; John 1:18, 20:20;
Hebrews 11:1-3; Ecc. 5:1-2; Acts 17:24-28; John 8:12.

The Word.

The Life.

The Light

The Witness to the Light by RC Sproul, Ligonier Ministries

The prologue to John's gospel, which consists of Jn 1:1–18, tells us much about the person of Jesus, the incarnate Word who from the beginning was God and was with God. Yet, John's prologue also tells us about another figure. In today's passage, we read of John the Baptist, who "came as a witness, to bear witness about the light," namely, Jesus Christ (vv. 6–7).

John the Baptist's appearance in all four Gospels and his bearing witness to the identity of Jesus (Matt. 3; Mk 1:1–11; Lk 3:1–22; Jn 1:19–34) show us just how important John is to the story of Jesus. The Evangelists—the authors of the four Gospels—believed they could not adequately explain the person and work of Christ without mentioning the witness of John the Baptist. Indeed, John's witness was necessary, for God sent him so "that all might believe through him" (Jn 1:7). Before Jesus started teaching about Himself, John the Baptist provided people with the clearest understanding of who Jesus was and what He came to do. ...And John the Baptist's witness was not limited to the first century. Today we continue to read his words recorded in the Gospels and benefit from what they tell us about Christ.

As important as John the Baptist was and remains, however, he was only a witness. John himself was not the light of salvation (v. 8). His witness points beyond himself to the greater reality to which he testifies. John directs us to the Word, to Jesus, who is "the true light, which gives light to everyone" (v. 9). This is an interesting phrase because it indicates that Jesus is the source not only of the light of spiritual truth but of the light of all truth. Clearly, this text tells us that all people receive some light and yet not all people receive and rest in Christ for salvation. Thus, the reference must be to Christ's granting truth beyond the truth of salvation. This is how the earliest Christian thinkers understood this text, as pointing to Jesus as the ultimate source of all truth and knowledge.

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