

JOHN

BELIEVE

"Receive and Believe"

INTRO: *Today we begin a study of the Gospel of John. As an overture is to a symphony, so is John's prologue to his Gospel. The truth of the self-disclosure of God in the Incarnate Word must be responded to properly.*

I. God has revealed His existence in _____ (1:1-5).

God created through His Word, and the Word was God. All that exists is because of God's Word (Cf. Romans 1:20; Colossians 1:16-17).

II. Since _____ could not reveal God's plan of salvation, God used _____ (1:14-18).

God spoke to Israel through Moses to reveal the Law which prepared the nation for the ultimate expression of God and His plan, the Word incarnate.

III. To experience God's salvation, _____ and _____ God's incarnate _____ (1:6-13).

Jesus took on flesh (Cf. Philippians 2:5-7) and explained God to Man. He became Man to fulfill God's plan to save Mankind from sin.

A. Receive God's _____. *Both John (our author) and John the Baptist witnessed of Jesus' power to save all who believe (Cf. John 20:31).*

B. Believe God's _____. *Belief is an important word in John's Gospel, appearing 98x. More than intellectual assent, belief is trust in God's ability to forgive through Christ's sacrifice.*