

Jesus by John



Part 3: SPIRITUAL PHOTOSYNTHESIS

According to the beginning of John's Gospel, Jesus is the clue for understanding all that is.

-- Lesslie Newbigin, *The Light Has Come*

When John sought to describe his friend Jesus, two words stuck in his mind: LIGHT and LIFE. Light and life will be the primary colours John uses in his stunning portrait of Jesus.

-- Michael Card, *The Parable of Joy*

Right from the start of John's Gospel it is clear that a confrontation between light and darkness has taken place once and for all, and that the light has emerged victorious.

-- J. Ramsey Michaels, *The New International Commentary on the New Testament*

Light and darkness are opposites, but they are not opposites of equal power. Light is stronger than darkness; darkness cannot prevail against it. A little candle can dispel a roomful of darkness.

-- F.F. Bruce, *The Gospel of John*

Matthew traced Christ's genealogy back to Abraham. Luke traced His roots to the first human, Adam. But John reaches beyond physical creation to state that in Jesus Christ was life and light, two images Moses used in reference to God in Genesis 1.

-- Charles R. Swindoll, *Insights on John*

As in the natural realm, so in the spiritual sphere of existence, light is an indispensable prerequisite for life. For this reason the coming of Jesus as "the light of the world" is shown to make eternal life possible for those who put their trust in him.

-- Andreas J. Kostenberger, *A Theology of John's Gospel and Letters*

That's the theme of this gospel: if you want to know who the true God is, look long and hard at Jesus.

-- N.T. Wright, *John for Everyone*

From the very beginning the Word was with God. Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him. The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.

-- The Apostle John