

September 10, 2023  
Series: The Story, Ch. 8, Pt. 1  
Sermon: In the Beginning  
Text: John 1

### **Sermon Outline:**

1. Jesus always was. (1-3)
2. Jesus is the source of life. (4-13)
3. Jesus makes God known. (14-18)
4. Jesus is the Lamb of God. (19-31)
5. Jesus is the Son of God. (32-34)
6. Jesus is the Messiah. (35-42)
7. Jesus is the Promised One. (43-51)

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. On Sunday, Chip said: "If you were only going to read one book of the Bible, I'd encourage you to make it John. And if you could only read one chapter of John, I'd tell you to make it John 1." What are your thoughts? If you were encouraging someone to read the Bible, which book would you recommend them to start with? Explain.
2. Read John 1:1-3, 14. Is it easy or difficult for you to comprehend that God has always existed? How do you process this essential truth about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit?
3. Read John 1:4. For most people, the "best" life is a life apart from Jesus. Discuss why most think this and how this a false understanding of what true life is.
4. Reread John 1:1-3, 14. Since He is God, looking to Jesus shows us what God is like. How often do you approach the first four books of the New Testament with that perspective? Why is it important to grow in your understanding of who God is?
5. Read John 1:29. Consider the setup God had implemented through the Old Testament sacrificial system (Leviticus 16) for this shocking statement to register with those listening. If you were there, how would you have processed John the Baptist's words?
6. Read John 1:34 and Psalm 89:27. Jesus being the Son of God does not mean He was created by God. Jesus was/is fully God and the title simply refers to his position. If a religion or person doesn't believe Jesus is God, are they believing in the true Jesus? Explain.
7. Read John 1:41. Have you ever thought that Jesus' last name is "Christ"? It's actually a title (a very important title!) of which there are 121 Old Testament prophecies. How can realizing this possibly impact your evangelism? In other words, how can you use this truth to share Jesus with others?