

History Is Important

1 John 1:1

A. The author of this letter and why that is important for us today

B. The attack on the Biblical teaching that Jesus was God and man was early

C. Is this based on an eyewitness account or a later church development?

D. John says the teachings here were the same from the beginning

E. He then offers the evidence for the reality of the humanity of Jesus

1. He had heard the voice that amazed people and stilled storms

2. He had seen Christ in the flesh and not just in a vision

3. The Jesus he knew was no incorporeal spirit but a flesh and blood man

F. The importance of Jesus as a historical figure cannot be overestimated

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Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

John 20:27-29

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." [NIV]

*To God Be The Glory*

## Call to Worship

*Praise The Lord, The King Of Glory*  
Opening Prayer

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## Preparing Our Hearts

*We Believe In One True God*  
Scripture Reading  
*All Praise To Thee*  
Presentation of Offerings

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*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

## Hearing The Word

*All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name*  
Message - 1 John 1:1

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## Responding To The Word

Hymn of Commitment  
*We Walk By Faith And Not By Sight*

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## ACTIVITIES

### *Sunday*

Sunday School	9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:15 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

### *Wednesday*

Bible Study (at parsonage)	7:15-8:15
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## PRAYER REQUESTS

TAJIKS OF AFGHANISTAN - (TAH-jeeks) - Thank you for praying for Amy\*, who has been having dreams about Jesus, is reading the Word, and is being disciplined by a believer. In addition to God working in her life, the evil one is also at work. Amy and her family have received many threats, causing her to quit her job in "Bridgetown" and move to another community. Even after the move, she is still receiving calls and texts, threatening her life and the lives of her children. Please pray for safety for her and her family from whomever is harassing her, and ask that this will end. The harassment is not due to her becoming a believer, but for being an Ismaili Muslim (a branch of Shia Islam) beforehand, or so they say. Also, please pray for employment. Since she quit her job in "Bridgetown," no one in her family is working, and they need income for their immediate family as well as for members of their extended family who live in their yard. (\*name changed)

## OUR INVITATION

*Our purpose as a church is to glorify God by proclaiming his good news to those who do not know him and by building up the body of Christ through sound teaching and mutual encouragement. We urge you to accept Christ as your Savior and invite you to become a part of this work as a member of this fellowship. If you are interested in joining our church we invite you to speak to the pastor after services about what is involved.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We return to our consideration of Job tonight with, "Longing for Lost Blessings," Job 29:1-25. Job remembers the days when God guided him and walked with him as a friend. He remembered when the Lord tirelessly watched over him and helped when needed. Even when he walked through times of darkness, the Lord provided him light. Job remembered the days when men respected him for his wise counsel and as a leader people trusted him and waited to hear what he had to say. He could walk into a room and brighten the mood of everyone there. Job remembered the days when he was commended for his benevolence towards the needy. He was highly regarded not just for his wisdom but also for his kindness. He was there for the helpless of society who didn't have the means to make it in life. Job remembered the days when his hope was firm that his life would be long and his death peaceful.

The emphasis on undeserved grace is so heavy in some forms of evangelism that one can get the impression the gospel makes no real demands on our lives. We simply confess Christ as Savior and what we do from that point on makes no difference, though of course we should try to be better. Anyone who says the Christian is obligated to join a church, read his Bible, live a more moral life is considered a legalist. The gospel we proclaim though insists that those who are saved by Christ will without fail follow him as Lord. We are looking at what it means for evangelism that we count following Christ as Lord, and what Biblical evidence there is for saying that all Christians do so.

*The fact that Christ was really in the flesh, that He was no phantom, no shadow mocking the eyes that looked upon Him, is exceedingly important and, therefore, John—(whose style, by the way, in this epistle is precisely like the style which he uses in his gospel)—John begins by declaring that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who in His eternity was from the beginning, was really a substantial man, for he says—"We have heard Him"—hearing is good evidence. "Which we have seen Him with our own eyes"—certainly eyesight is good, clear evidence. "Which we have looked upon"—this is better, still, for this imports a deliberate, careful, circumspect gaze! But still better—"which our hands have handled," for John had leaned his head on Jesus Christ's bosom and his hands had often met the real flesh and blood of the living Savior! We need have no doubt about the reality of Christ's incarnation when we have these open eyes and hands to give us evidence!*

Charles Spurgeon