



Introduction

The start of John's record of Jesus' life.



Questions

1. Why was John sent by God?
2. Who did John say he was?
3. What did John say Jesus would do?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 5** In the beginning (see theme) God made life and light available
- **v 6 to 13** John the Baptist is sent to introduce the light (see theme). All who accept the light and believe, can become God's children
- **v 14 to 18** God's Word is now shown in His Son, Jesus Christ. In contrast with the law of Moses, Jesus shows grace and truth
- **v 19 to 34** John testifies that he is introducing the Christ. John says he has come baptising to reveal the one to come. He identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He is also Son of God
- **v 35 to 51** The disciples, Andrew and Peter, come to recognise that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus calls Philip who brings Nathanael who recognises Jesus as Son of God and King of Israel

Timeline 30 AD (see below)



Themes

The beginning of the Good News

A selection of verses showing how the Bible uses the word beginning to refer to the start of Jesus' ministry.

Gospel writers Mark, Luke and John all talk about the start of Jesus' life and work as the beginning:

Mark 1 verse 1

Luke 1 verses 1 and 2

John 6 verse 64

Jesus himself uses the same expression:

John 8 verse 25, 15 verse 27

The apostle John implies that the beginning was when they were with Jesus in his ministry:

1 John 1 verse 1

The apostle John says that the beginning was when they heard the message:

1 John 2 verse 24, 3 verse 11

2 John 1 verse 5



Titles of Jesus - Light of the world

A selection of verses showing that Jesus is the Light of the world.

On two occasions Jesus himself tells us that he is the Light of the world:

John 8 verse 12, 9 verse 5

When Simeon saw the baby Jesus he said:

Luke 2 verses 29 to 32

Jesus tells us that his followers are also lights in the world:

Matthew 5 verse 14

The apostle Paul reminds believers that they are to walk in the light:

Ephesians 5 verse 8

? **Answers to questions**

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 6 and 7, Q 2: v 23, Q 3: v 29



Bible timeline

