



John: The Great “I AM” Gospel
John 1:14-18
From Sermon 1.29.23

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Overview from Sunday’s sermon: The Apostle John continues his opening argument, including previews of his fellow witnesses. Before we ever hear from Jesus Himself—or any accounts of His life and ministry—John must first firmly establish Christ’s identity, nature, background, and deity. The world has dismissed the incarnation, claiming Jesus was a historical figure, but not God, not eternal, not resurrected.

1. The Holy Spirit has John use a special Greek word to describe Jesus’ time on earth. “Dwelt” = the Old Testament word “tabernacled”. See also *Revelation 21:3*.

1a. Why is word more unique that “lived”? It’s word denoting a dwelling place of God—the authorized location of worship and God’s physical Presence.

2. What is the doctrine of the hypostatic union? Jesus was 100% both man and God simultaneously—not 50-50. See *Colossians 2:9* Why does it matter? Only by being both human and divine could He be the exclusive 2nd Adam that we needed—a new representative. See *1 Corinthians 15:44-47*

3. What is a Mediator? An appointed “go-between” for two opposing parties.

3a. In Redemptive History, who are the two opposing parties? Holy God and sinful man.

3b. What was our old mediator? The Law of God thru Moses.

3c. Who is our new mediator? Christ the Word/Law made flesh. See *1 Timothy 2:5 & Hebrews 8:6*

[Note on the Christian and the Law: Because Jesus is the Word, He is also the Law. Because the Word became flesh, the Law also became flesh. The ceremonial law was just a shadow of things to come—all pointing to Jesus. In His earthly ministry, Jesus fulfilled the ceremonial law and the Sabbath of the Old Law. We are now under grace. That grace is *Not a license* for lawless. Every one of the 10 Commandments is repeated in the New Testament, except for keeping the Sabbath. Therefore, our violating the Commandments, although it carries consequences and discipline, it is not (and never) counted toward wrath. Christ bore all the wrath on our behalf.]

4. Another way this Grace/Law relationship is illustrated is that of a marriage. See *Romans 7:1-4*. What is the point being made/the truth being disclosed? We were once married to the Law. It was our husband, and we were bound to it and called to submit to it. But one party died. (actually, theologically, both parties died) When we died to the Law, we were free to remarry. Our new groom is Christ. See *Hebrews 8:13*

5. Re-read *John 1:18*. What does it mean that Jesus has explained God? Jesus is God fully disclosed. While we won’t know everything about God in this earthly life (due to darkened, fallen minds), we know everything God wanted us to know and that we needed. After Jesus, there is No new revelation & No prophetic messengers. All that we need (sufficiency) is in Christ and in the Bible. See *Colossians 2:9*