

HIS
PLAN
OUR
PURPOSE

IS THERE MORE?

Understanding the Storyline of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation

THE STORY OF **CHRIST: IN HIS OWN WORDS**

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THE WHOLE STORY

Warren Wiersbe writes, “When He wrote the Bible, God didn’t give us a ponderous theology book divided into sections labeled God, Creation, Man, Sin, and so forth. Instead, He gave us a story, a narrative that begins in eternity past and ends in eternity future.”



THE STORY OF **GRACE**

> *January*



THE STORY OF **DELIVERANCE**

> *February*



THE STORY OF **PROMISE**

> *March*



THE STORY OF **FAITH**

> *April*



THE STORY OF **RENEWAL**

> *May*



THE STORY OF **PURPOSE**

> *June, July + August*

FEATURED



THE STORY OF **CHRIST: IN HIS OWN WORDS**

> *August + September*



THE STORY OF **POWER**

> *October*



THE STORY OF **CHANGE**

> *November*



THE STORY OF **HEAVEN**

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JESUS TELLS US
EXACTLY WHO HE IS
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THE STORY OF CHRIST

In Matthew 16:13-20, as Jesus and His disciples are traveling on foot, He asks them an important question: *“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”* They respond with a few different answers and then He gets more direct, asking *“But you, who do you say that I am?”* How we answer this question affects how we will answer every other question asked in life. Fortunately, Jesus tells us exactly who He is in His Word. Over the next seven weeks, we will study who Jesus says He is by looking at His *I AM* statements in the Gospel of John.

The Gospel of John is unique when compared to the other three synoptic gospels with approximately 90 percent of the writings being exclusive to this book. John uses the word “believe” over 98 times while never using the noun “faith” once.¹ In fact, John tells the reader exactly why he wrote this gospel, in John 20:31, *“but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”*

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, John begins his gospel with the first three words we find in the book of Genesis, *“In the beginning.”* John bypasses the genealogy of Jesus, going back to the very beginning of Creation.

JOHN 1:1-2 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.*

John immediately introduces Jesus as the Word, who was not only with God but was God. He goes on to say in verse 14, *“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us...”* God became flesh and was named Jesus. The Word began to speak. John captures the life, ministry, heart, and challenges of Jesus in a way that seems to whisper at times allowing the reader to be up close and personal on this journey.

The Gospel of John shows us the divinity of Christ as well as the person of Christ. Whereas the other gospel writers record 20+ miracles each, John only records seven, which he refers to as “signs.” This compliments the seven *I AM* statements which we will study in the coming weeks. The miracles are powerful and show the divinity of Christ without a doubt. But it is the words of Jesus, specifically the *I AM* statements that give us life and hope. Jesus in the present tense reminds us that our Lord and Savior is still alive. Jesus does not say *I Was*, He says with confidence and authority, *I AM*. These seven statements reveal the depth of who Jesus is, the love Jesus has, and the relationship Jesus desires with us.

Join us for this life-changing study of the Word who became flesh, the great *I AM*.

This is the Story of Christ: In His Own Words

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¹ soniclight.org/john