

# John

**John 1:9-14**

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## BACKGROUND

**AUTHOR**

Generally understood to be the disciple John

**DATE WRITTEN**

Between 60-65 AD

**THEME**

To show that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that you may believe in Him

**KEY VERSES**

John 1:1

**Intro / Recap**

9 The **true light** that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

**The Rejected Gift**  
- Read Hebrews 1:3

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3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

10 He was in the **world**, and though the **world** was made through him, the **world** did not recognize him.  
11 He came to that which was **his own**, but his own did not receive him.

**The Universality of Sin**

10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, **the world did not recognize him**. 11 He came to that which was his own, **but his own did not receive him**.

**The Essence of Sin**

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**The Gift Received**

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**Discussion Questions:**

- 1) The Christian view of sin tells us that we're all equally guilty before God. How does that change our view of strangers, of the poor, of those who don't know God, of our neighbors, of people who "aren't like us"? What did it do for Paul (think pre and post-conversion)?
- 2) Talk about how sin is more about a switched relationship (putting yourself in God's place) than it is about breaking a rule. Do you think that when you sin, you're breaking God's heart instead of breaking a rule?
- 3) Talk about how Jesus on the cross is God's display of truth and grace. How does that comfort us?