



Week: April 22, 2026

Lesson Text: John 1:14-18

## “Abiding in Truth”

Truth Revealed in Christ

John 1:14–18 (NASB95)

- 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- 15 John \*testified about Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.’ ”
- 16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.
- 17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.
- 18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

**Central Truth:** In Jesus Christ, truth is no longer merely a concept to study—it is the visible, living revelation of God. Christ embodies grace and truth, reveals the Father, and calls believers to walk in truth daily.

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## I. Why This Study?

### A. Objective

1. To understand how Jesus reveals God’s truth in human form.
2. To explore why grace and truth must remain united in the believer’s life.
3. To equip believers to discern false ideas of truth in culture.
4. To challenge Christians to move beyond knowing truth intellectually to living truth practically.
5. To strengthen faith by anchoring identity, conduct, and convictions in Christ.

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### B. Relevance

1. We live in a culture where truth is often treated as personal preference rather than divine reality.
2. Many know facts about Jesus but have not received Him as Truth.

3. Churches can drift into extremes—truth without grace or grace without truth.
  4. Mature believers must learn to reflect Christ in both conviction and compassion.
  5. In a world of deception, Jesus remains the final and fullest revelation of God.
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## II. Background to the Gospel of John

### A. Author

Traditionally identified as John the Apostle.

### B. Audience

Early Christian communities made up of Jews and Gentiles.

### C. Purpose

“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.”

— John 20:30–31

### D. Major Theme

Jesus is the divine Son of God who reveals the Father and grants eternal life to all who believe.

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## III. Context of John 1:14–18

John 1:1–18 is commonly called **The Prologue**. It introduces the major truths that the Gospel will unfold:

- Jesus is eternal (1:1)
  - Jesus is Creator (1:3)
  - Jesus is Light (1:4–5)
  - Jesus is rejected by many (1:11)
  - Jesus gives power to become children of God (1:12)
  - Jesus became flesh (1:14)
  - Jesus reveals the Father (1:18)
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## IV. Inductive Bible Study Method

Observe • Interpret • Apply

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### A. OBSERVATION

What Does the Text Say?

Read John 1:14–18

Key Words / Repeated Ideas

- Word
- Flesh
- Dwelt
- Glory
- Grace
- Truth
- Fullness
- Received
- Law
- Moses
- Jesus Christ
- Father
- Seen / Made Known

Important Contrasts

- Word → Flesh
- Law → Grace and Truth
- Moses → Jesus Christ
- No one has seen God → The Son has revealed Him

Descriptions of Jesus

- The Word became flesh
  - Dwelt among us
  - Full of grace and truth
  - Only begotten / unique Son
  - Has made God known
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## B. INTERPRETATION

### What Does the Text Mean?

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#### 1. The Word Became Flesh (v.14)

“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us...”

##### Explanation

The eternal Logos entered human history in real humanity. Jesus did not merely appear human—He truly took on flesh.

##### Key Insight

Truth is no longer distant or abstract. Truth stepped into our world.

##### Theological Significance

- God is knowable through Christ
- Salvation is personal, not theoretical
- Jesus bridges heaven and earth

##### Class Thought

The incarnation means God did not shout truth from a distance—He came near.

\text{Truth became visible in Christ}

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#### 2. He Dwelt Among Us (v.14)

The word “dwelt” carries tabernacle imagery—God’s presence dwelling among His people.

##### Old Testament Echo

In the wilderness, God’s glory filled the tabernacle. Now, God’s glory is seen in Jesus.

## Meaning

Jesus is the new and greater meeting place between God and man.

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### 3. We Beheld His Glory (v.14)

John says they “saw His glory.”

#### Glory Seen In:

- His miracles
- His teaching
- His holiness
- His compassion
- His death and resurrection

#### Truth Point

Truth is not sterile doctrine—it shines through the character of Christ.

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### 4. Full of Grace and Truth (vv.14,17)

Jesus is not partly gracious and partly truthful. He is full of both.

#### Grace Without Truth:

- Sentimentality
- Moral compromise
- Excusing sin

#### Truth Without Grace:

- Harshness
- Pride
- Legalism

## In Christ:

Grace reaches people. Truth transforms people.

## Memorable Statement

**Truth without grace is mean. Grace without truth is meaningless.**

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## 5. Of His Fullness We Have Received (v.16)

Believers receive from the inexhaustible fullness of Christ.

### Meaning

- Forgiveness
- Spiritual life
- Strength
- Wisdom
- Grace upon grace

### Application

Christ never runs empty. What He gives is continuous and sufficient.

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## 6. The Law Was Given Through Moses (v.17)

The Law was holy, righteous, and good—but incomplete as a final revelation.

### What the Law Did:

- Revealed sin
- Defined God's standards
- Prepared the way for Christ

### What Jesus Brings:

- Fulfillment
- Final revelation

- Grace and truth in fullness

Jesus does not oppose the Law; He completes what it pointed toward.

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## 7. No One Has Seen God... The Son Has Explained Him (v.18)

Jesus makes the invisible God known.

### Meaning

If you want to know:

- God's heart
- God's character
- God's will
- God's truth

Look at Jesus.

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## C. APPLICATION

### How Should We Respond?

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#### 1. Examine Your Balance

Ask yourself:

- Am I more truth-heavy than grace-filled?
- Am I more grace-heavy than truth-rooted?

#### Action Step

This week, intentionally combine compassion with conviction in one difficult conversation.

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## 2. Move Beyond Information

Truth is not just facts to memorize—it is Christ to follow.

### Action Step

Read one chapter in John daily and ask: *What does this reveal about Jesus?*

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## 3. Let Truth Shape Identity

Culture says identity is self-created. Scripture says identity is received in Christ.

### Declare:

- I am loved by God
  - I am redeemed in Christ
  - I am called to holiness
  - I am a witness of truth
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## 4. Walk in Truth Publicly

Truth should govern:

- Speech
  - Relationships
  - Finances
  - Entertainment
  - Integrity
  - Worship
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## V. Practical Ways to Abide in Truth

1. Spend daily time in God's Word
2. Pray for discernment
3. Listen to the Spirit through Scripture
4. Surround yourself with truth-centered community

5. Replace lies with biblical truth
  6. Practice obedience immediately when convicted
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## VI. Discussion & Reflection Questions

### Observation Questions

1. What words or themes stand out most in this passage?
2. What contrasts do you notice?

### Interpretation Questions

3. Why does John emphasize grace and truth together?
4. How does Jesus reveal God better than any previous revelation?

### Personal Reflection

5. Have you ever experienced truth without grace? What impact did it have?
6. Where is God calling you to grow—in grace or in truth?

### Church Application

7. How can our congregation model grace and truth more effectively?
  8. What false definitions of truth are influencing believers today?
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## VII. Prayer Focus

1. Lord, help me love truth even when it corrects me.
  2. Help me reflect both grace and truth like Jesus.
  3. Guard me from deception and compromise.
  4. Let Your truth shape my heart, mind, and conduct.
  5. Use me as a witness of truth in a confused world.
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## VIII. Key Takeaway

**In Jesus Christ, truth moved into the neighborhood. He reveals God perfectly, offers grace abundantly, and calls believers to live truth faithfully every day.**

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## Memory Verse

“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us... full of grace and truth.”  
— John 1:14