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Day 1

John 1:1

So Loved: the Good News of Jesus

“The Word of Good News”

- Our world is in serious shape, in dire conditions.
- The world is looking for answers in the midst of all the chaos, division, and sin.
- In days when we are covered up in bad news, we do have hope! A reason to be filled with joy!
 - We have a Savior risen from the dead! His name is Jesus!
- The Gospel according to John:
 - Gospel = Good News
 - There is good news!
 - We can't fall into the trap of thinking good news has been robbed from us.
 - There is good news!
- So, here is the good news according to John:
 - John, “the beloved disciple”
 - Walked with Christ
 - An eye-witness to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus
 - Most likely a pastor of the church in Ephesus at the time of writing this account

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- There are distortions and deviations to the good news, the gospel of Jesus. The truth of who Jesus is, is under attack. John writes that we might be confident of the identity of Jesus and of His gospel.

- John 1:1 -

- “In the beginning” - a tie to Genesis 1:1 and the creation account

- “was the Word”

- What does John mean when he says, “the Word”?

- “Logos” - common word, but a complex meaning
 - To the Greek hearer, it meant “source of existence, source of wisdom.”
 - To the Jew, it meant the power and wisdom tied to the Word of God.
 - John uses this word to name and identify Jesus.
 - It literally means “Message, line of words, communication.”

- Here, we need to drive down a stake.
 - Remember why John is writing — to name and identify Jesus and to give us confidence in Him and His good news.
 - Jesus is the Word.
 - Jesus is the communication from God.

- Jesus is the message.
- The gospel starts with Jesus, because Jesus is the gospel.
- He is the Good News!
- That's why John starts with that.
- There is no good news outside of Jesus. No hope. No future. No eternal life.
- But, John tells us there is Good News in the Person of Jesus. He is the gospel. He is the message.
- So, who is Jesus?
- This is why Satan camps in the distortion of who Jesus is.
- Because, if you change Jesus, you'll miss Jesus. You miss the Good News.
- There is Good News! Do you know Him?

“In the beginning was the Word.”