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JOHN

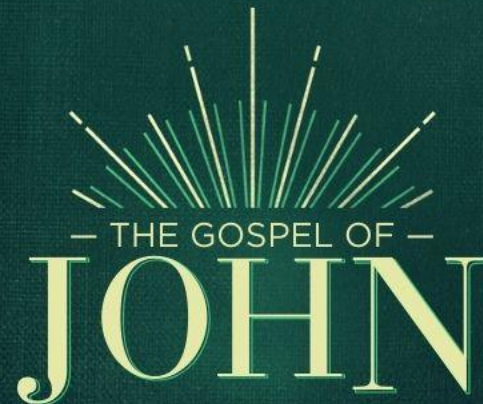
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A Survey of the Signs in the Gospel of John

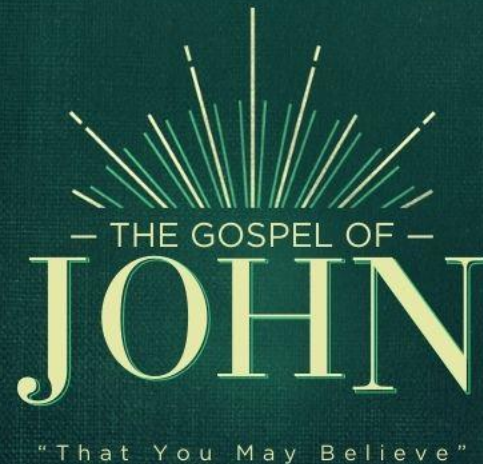
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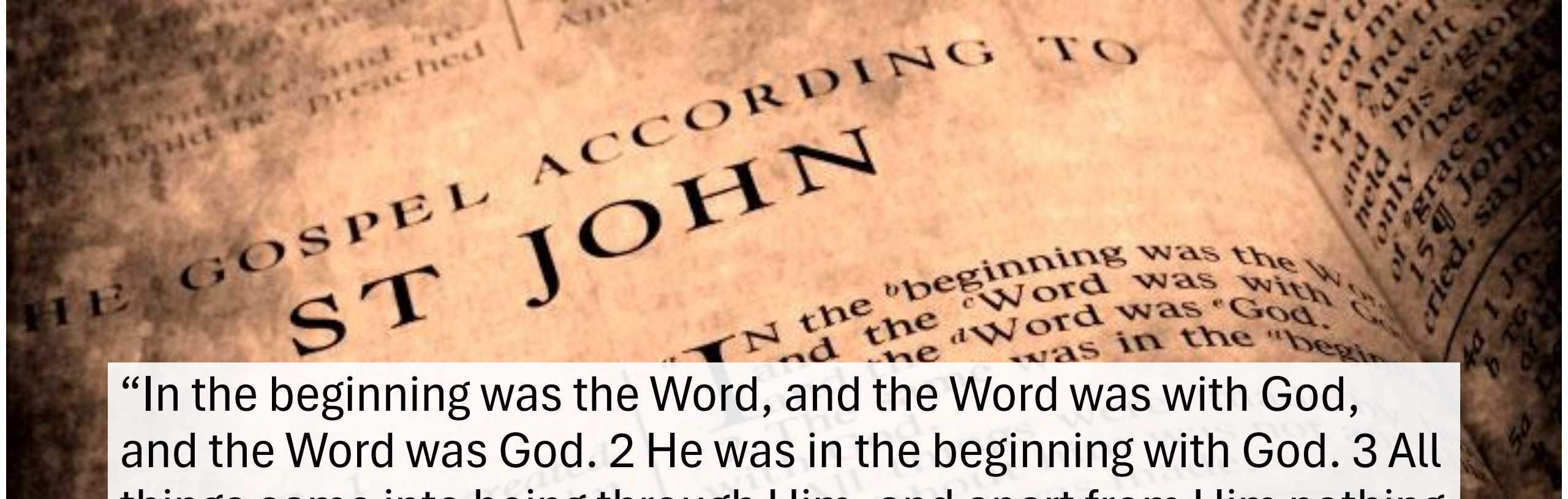
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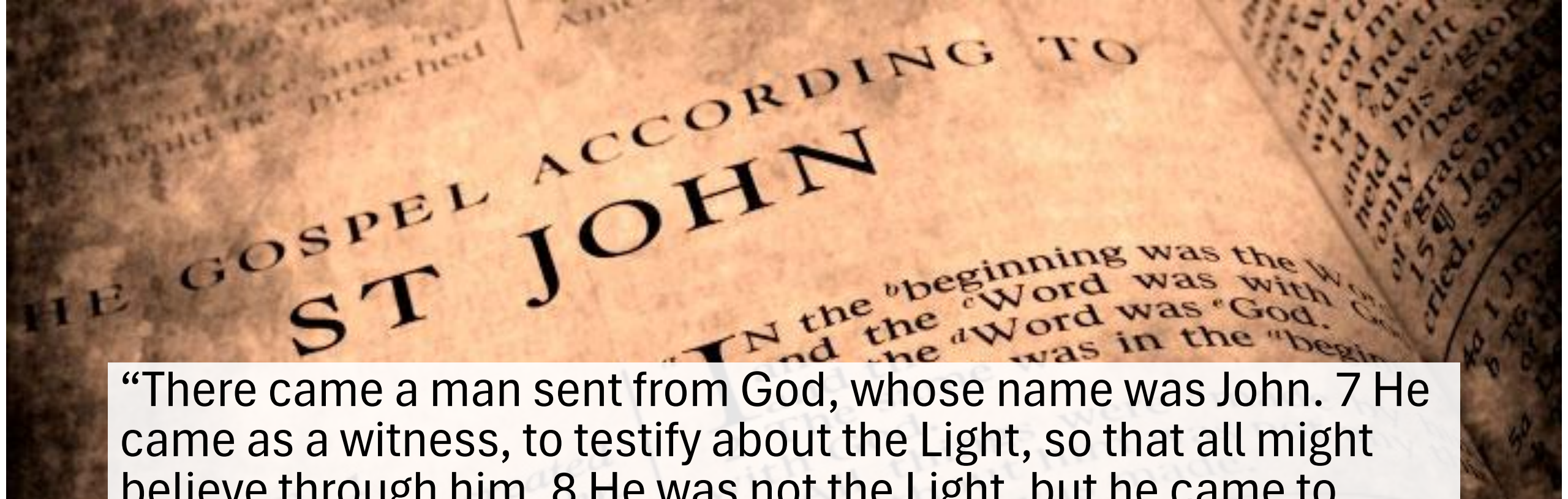
Lesson 12: “*We Beheld His Glory*”
A Reflective Prologue





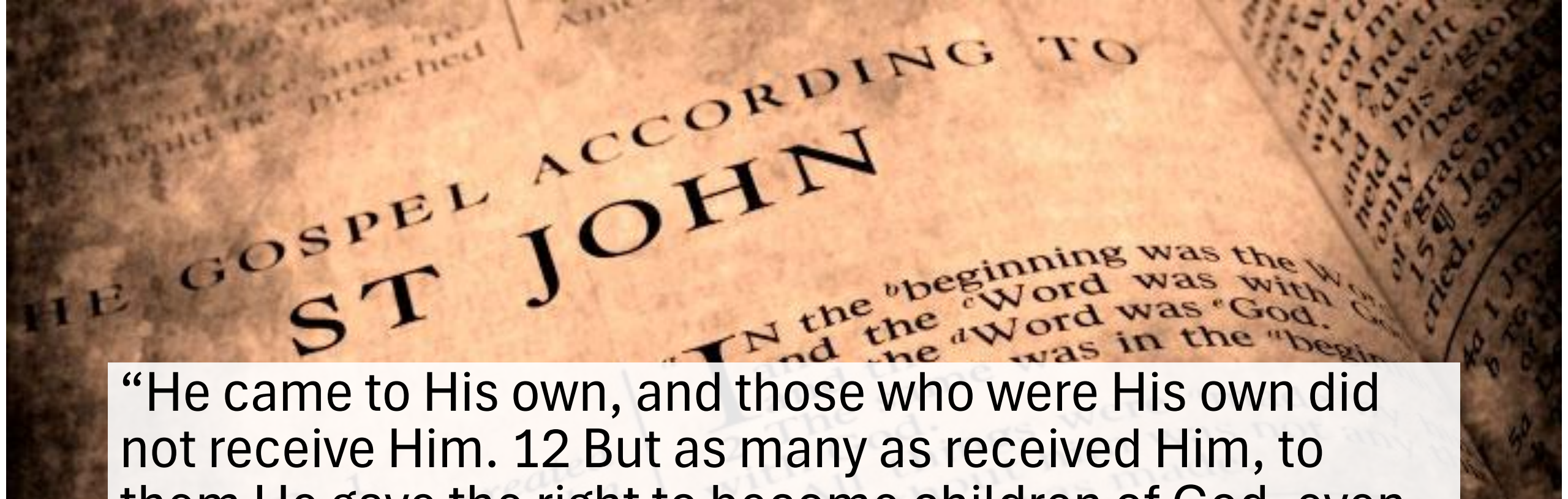
“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. 5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”

John 1:1-18, NASB1995



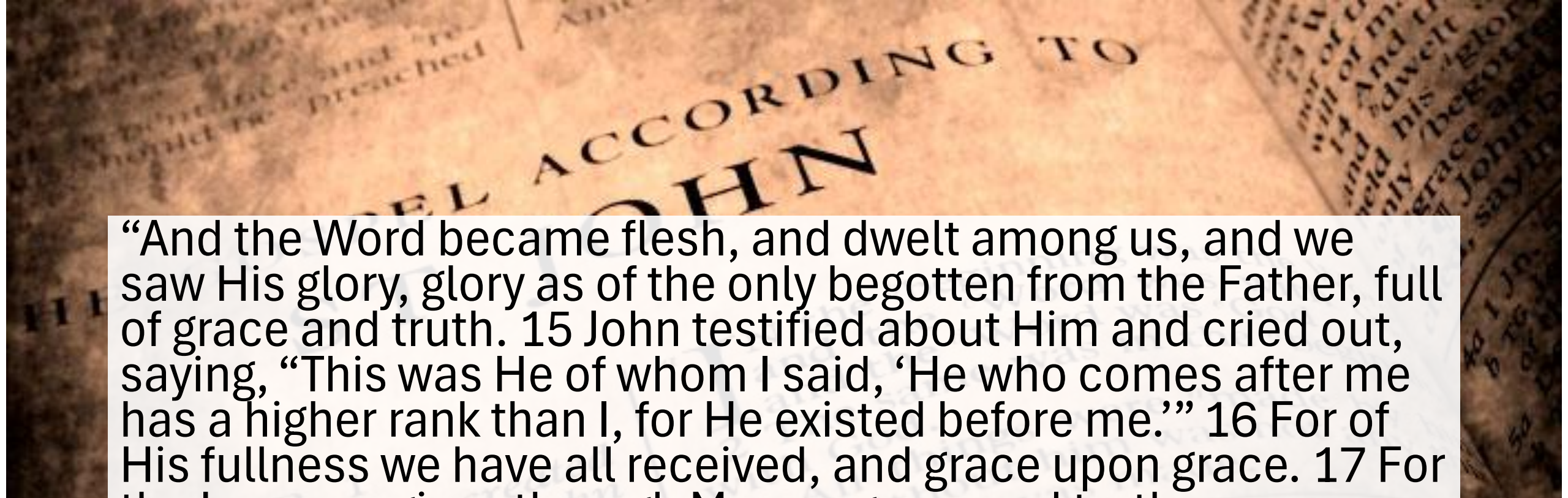
“There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light. 9 There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.”

John 1:1-18, NASB1995



“He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”

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The background of the image is a close-up of an old, yellowed book page. The text on the page is from the Gospel of John, with the words "GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN" clearly visible in large, bold, black letters. Other smaller text is visible but mostly illegible due to the angle and focus. The text of the quote is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box.

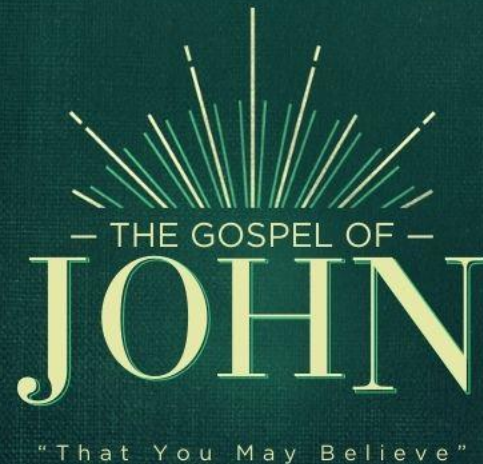
“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 John testified about Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.’” 16 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.”

John 1:1-18, NASB1995

Question 1

What is a “prologue?”

What is its purpose?



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An Analytic Study of the Text

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Question 2

Who is “the Word” of verse 1?

What various titles/roles is “the Word” given throughout the Prologue?



Question 3

What, theologically, is Jesus said to do for mankind in the following texts?

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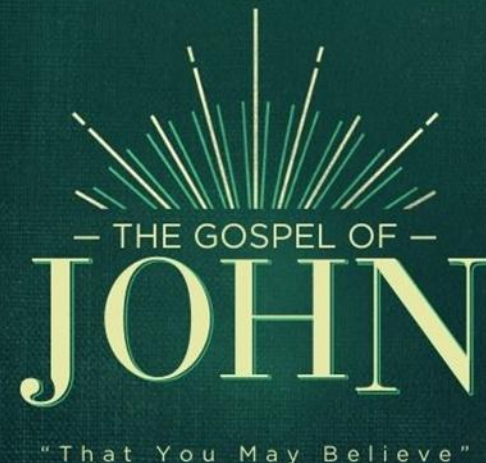
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1:11-13--

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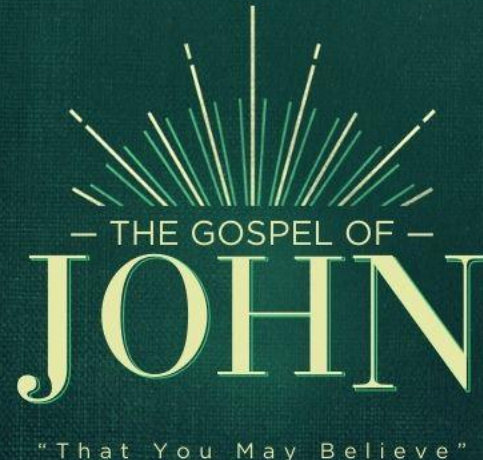
1:16-18--



Question 4

John 1:11-12 is often regarded as a summary of the gospel. Despite all “the Word” had done and was striving to do for mankind, what was the response of “His own” when “the Word” came to earth (see John 1:11)?

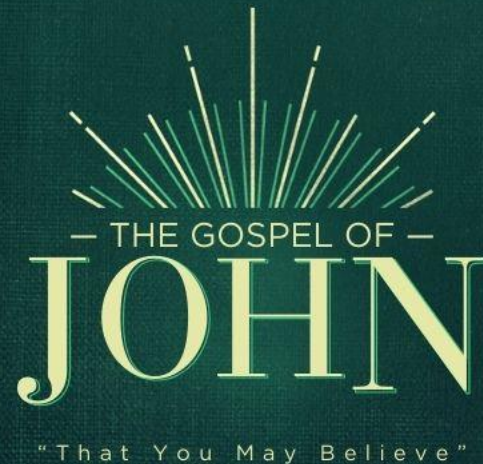
To those who did receive “the Word” what did they “become” (see John 1:12)?



Question 5

Explain John 1:13, “...who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

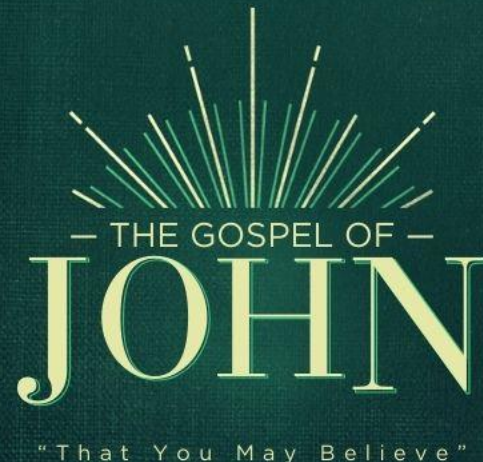
What is the purpose of this “born-again” statement?



Question 6

John 1:14 describes “the Incarnation.”

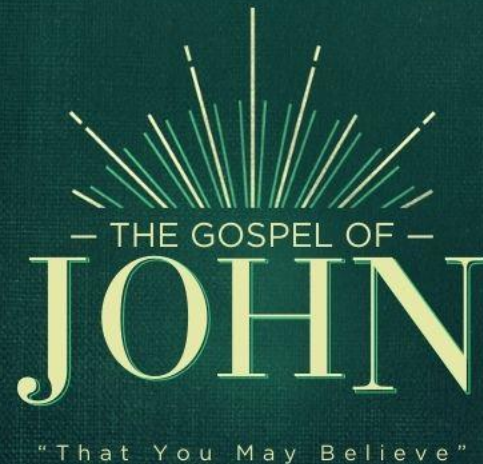
What key tasks did “the Word” have upon coming to earth and what was the response of those who saw Him (notice the word “we” for the first time)?



Question 7

Several other passages in John speak to the precise task of Jesus in coming to earth. What do the following verses from John's gospel say about the role of Jesus.

- John 1:18—
- John 1:29—
- John 17:4—
- John 17:6—



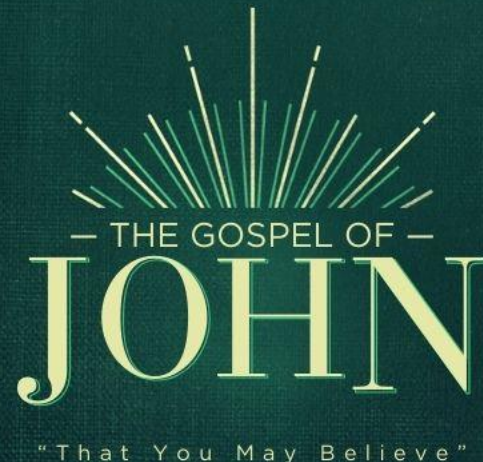
Question 8

John was likely written at a later date than the first three gospels.

Based on some erroneous views about John (see Acts 19:1-6), why do you think the Prologue contrasts between Jesus, “the only begotten Son” (1:18) and John, “a man sent from God” (1:6)?

What was the role of John in comparison with Jesus (John 1:6-8, 15)?

For what reason does this person baptize Jesus according to John 1:28-34?

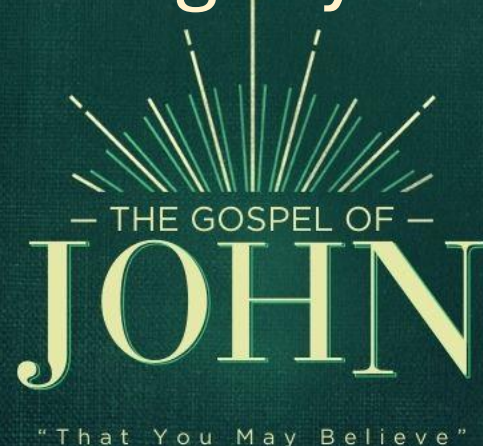


Question 9

What was it about Jesus that made Him “glorious?”

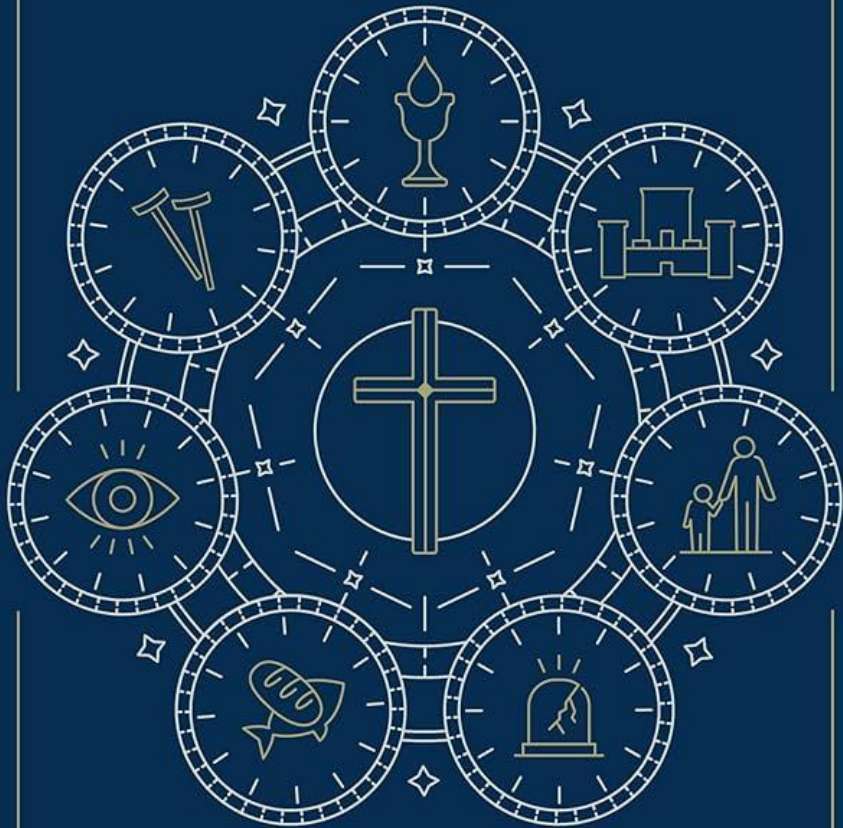
Where else is the word “glory” used to describe Jesus in Scripture that may help us wrap our minds around this concept?

Did the author declare such “glory” without evidence?



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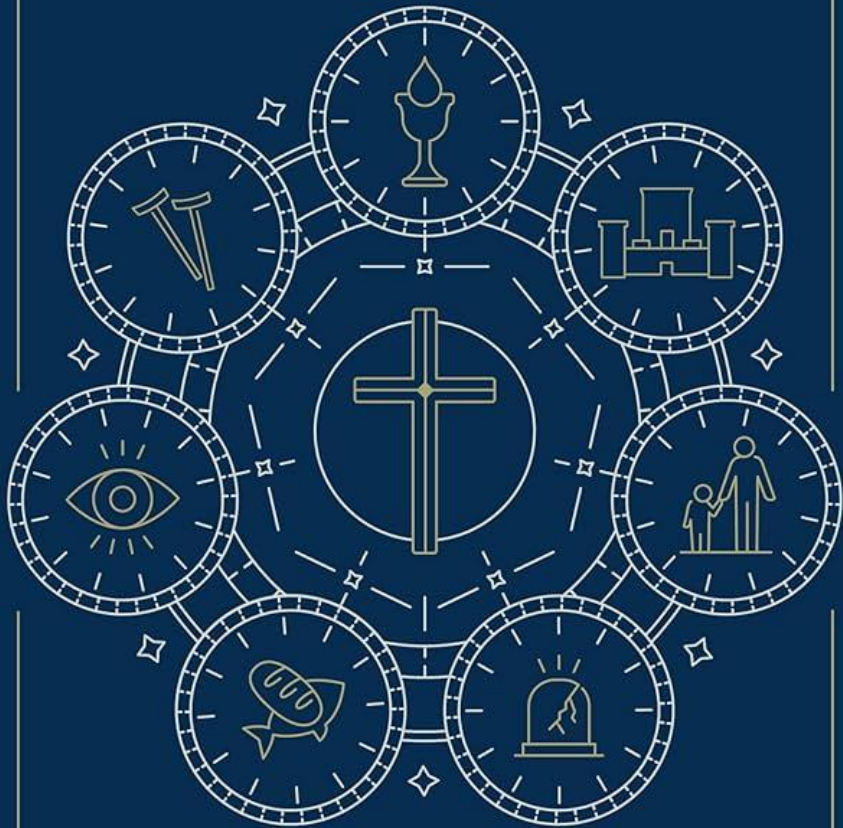
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The “Glory” of Jesus

“John and his fellow apostles perceived his glory (Grk. THEAOMAI, a more specific word than the Greek word for simply seeing; it is a precursor of our word “theater”)...The glory the apostles perceived in Jesus, John continues, is that of the one and only Son...Here we see a reference to Jesus as the...manifestation of God’s presence in the midst of His people...” (Kostenberger, Andreas. *Signs of the Messiah*, p. 25).

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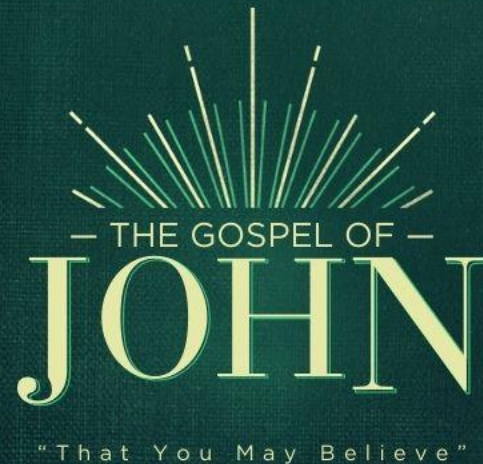
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“This is in continuity with previous divine manifestations in the tabernacle and later the temple, which, Scripture tells us, was filled with God’s glory in Solomon’s time (1 Chr 7:1-3; see also 1 Kgs 8:11; 2 Chr 5:14)...John tells us that in Jesus, God’s glory had come to earth in all its fullness...” (Kostenberger, Andreas. *Signs of the Messiah*, p. 25).

Question 10

Because of John's testimony, what occurred (John 1:34-37)?

What lesson does this teach us about evangelism and speaking of what Jesus has done and the roles He plays for all of humanity?



**Thanks for studying along with us
this quarter!**

