JESUS, ETERNAL GOD AND LIFE-GIVER

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Meet John the apostle

1. Galilean fisherman called by Jesus to be a disciple (1:35-40)
2. One of the inner 3 disciples (Mark 14:33), especially close to Jesus (13:23)
3. Wrote 1, 2, 3 John and Revelation; lived to old age
4. Emphasized Jesus' words over miracles compared to other gospels
5. Wrote so the world would believe (20:30-31) and believers bear fruit (15)

I. Jesus is the Eternal God (John 1:1-2).
   A. Jesus is eternal and fully God (1).
      1. *Beginning* – Jesus is eternally existent/always was.
      2. *The Word* – Jesus is the full "*expression*" of God.
      3. *With God* – Jesus is personally distinct from the Father.
      4. *Was God* – Jesus is identical in essence to the Father.

   B. Jesus and the Father have existed together forever (2).

II. Jesus is the Giver of all life (John 1:3-5).
   A. Jesus is the Creator of all physical things (3; Hebrews 1:1-2; Colossians 1:15-16).

   B. Jesus is the Source of all human life (4).
      1. *In Him was life* – Jesus gives life to all people (Acts 17:25).
      2. *The light of men* – Jesus reveals God to humans who can know God (Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 1:20; Acts 14:17).

C. Jesus is the Light displaying God, but the world can refuse the Light because of the darkness of sin (5; John 12:35).