

Lifted By Lifting (Part 2)

John 1:1-18

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Christmas Series: Lifting Up Jesus

“He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” (1:11-12)

- Summary: to ‘lift up Jesus’ is to completely trust and wholeheartedly embrace Him for who He is.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God..... (1:1 cf. vv.14,18)

- **Truth #1** – When we lift up Jesus as The Word, we can be lifted out of ignorance about God and reality (1:1-3,18).

“In him was life, and the life was the light of men.” (1:4)

- *“For as the Father has life in himself, so he has given the Son to have life in himself.” (John 5:26)*
- *“.....by believing you may have life in his name.” (John 20:31)*
- **Truth #2** – When we lift up Jesus as _____, we can be lifted out of _____ spiritual _____ (cf. John 10:10; 14:6; Ephesians 2:4-5)

“.... The life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it..... The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.” (1:4b-5,9)

- *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (Jesus, John 8:12)*
- **Truth #3** – When we lift up Jesus as _____, we can be lifted out of _____ confusion.

- *“The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”* (Jesus, John 12:35-36; cf. Ephesians 5:8)

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.....And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” (1:14,16-17)

- **Truth #4** – When we lift up Jesus as the _____ of _____ we can be lifted out of _____ and fear of God’s judgment (cf. Romans 8:1-2).

“..... full of grace and truth... grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” (1:14b, 17b)

- *“...If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”* (Jesus, John 8:31-32)
- *“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”* (John 14:6)
- **Truth #5** – When we lift up Jesus as _____, we can be lifted out of _____.

Personal and/or Small Group Reflection and Application:

- As you reflect on these five truths, in which ways have you been “lifting up” Jesus?
- In what ways have you not demonstrated complete trust and wholehearted embracing of Jesus? How can that change?
- If you’re a follower of Jesus, how can you encourage and help others to ‘lift up Jesus’ in 2015? Will you?