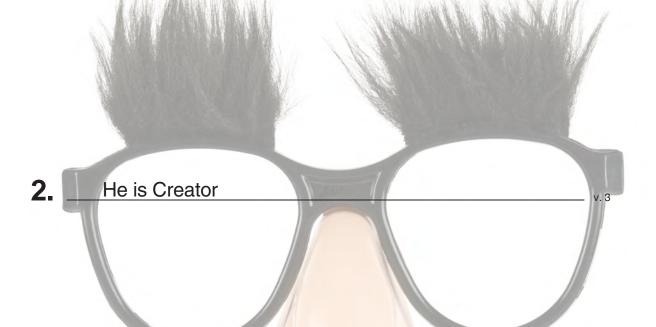
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3. He Conquers Death



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life.

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- a) Read John 1:1-2, 14. In what way is John describing Jesus before Christmas? How does this relate to Point #1?
- b) How do you see this being a challenging perspective? Why is Point #1 important? What happens if it isn't true?

Point #2

- a) Read John 1:3. Why do you think John thought it was important to talk about Jesus being Creator?
- b) In what way does this highlight the pre-existent, eternal aspects of Jesus? How does Point #2 expand your view?

Point #3

- a) Read John 1:4-5. Explain how Jesus is both light and life to the world. What does darkness represent?
- b) How does John 1:5b provide a post-resurrection perspective? How does Point #3 encourage you?

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read John 1:1-2, 14

- How does John describe Jesus before Christmas? Explain how this relates to the doctrine of the trinity.
- What about this perspective is challenging to you? Why will this always be a bit of a mystery?
- Why do you think John begins his book with this truth? How should it impact the way you read John's Gospel?

TUESDAY // Read John 1:1-2, 8:58, 14:9, Hebrews 1:1-3

- In what way did Jesus also testify to the truth of John 1:1-2? Why is it important it wasn't just John's statement?
- What was the response of the people when Jesus made these claims? Why was this a deal breaker for Jews?
- How does this distinguish Jesus from all other religious leaders? How does it expand your perspective about Jesus?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 1:3, Genesis 1:1-4, 26, Colossians 1:16-17

- Explain what it means that John said, "all things were made through him". Be specific.
- How does this relate to Genesis 1 and "God said..."? How does this expand your view of Genesis 1?
- In what way does this highlight the pre-existence and eternal aspects of Jesus? What about this is new for you?

THURSDAY // Read John 1:3, 6:16-21

- Throughout John's Gospel we see the miracles of Jesus taking place. How do you typically view miracles?
- Given the truth of Genesis 1:3 (i.e., Jesus the Creator), how does it help with the possibilities of miracles taking place?
- How would you respond to someone who denies the miracles in the Bible? Why is their struggle ultimately with Jesus?

FRIDAY // Read John 1:4-5, 8:12, 9:5, 12:35-36

- What does John mean when he describes Jesus as "light" and "life"? Be specific. What does darkness represent?
- In what way does "the darkness did not overcome it" represent a post resurrection perspective?
- When you consider this truth within the context of today's world, how are you encouraged? Be specific.

SATURDAY // Read John 1:4-5, 1 John 1:5-7

- How does 1 John 1:5-7 expand on John's description of the "word" in John 1:4-5? Be specific.
- In what way is John 1:4-5 both an applicable truth for everyday life and eternal life? Give an example of each.
- As you process the identity of Jesus this week, what encourages and challenges you? Pray about it right now.

MEDITATION VERSE: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.