

Sermon Title: **“THE GREATEST GIFT”**

John 1:1-14

- Spoiler Alert: The greatest gift of ALL time is THIS WORD (in John 1)
 - In v. 14 we find out that THIS WORD is talking about Jesus
- “In the beginning” reminds us of the 1st 3 words recorded in Genesis
 - Jesus was “with God” & Jesus “was God”
 - Nothing came into existence that Jesus DIDN’T create
 - Jesus by His mere nature (being one with God) deserves ALL praise & glory! (He’s the Author of creation)
- Jesus is NOT only the Source of Life here on earth, Jesus is the Source of Eternal Life (& He’s the Light of the world)
 - “Grasp” = understand or snatch it or remove it
 - “The Light shines in the darkness & the darkness did NOT understand it & the darkness did NOT snatch or remove it”
- Think of verses 6-8 like parenthesis (in verse 15 the story of John is picked back up)
 - John the Baptist proclaimed & announced Jesus’ arrival, he just pointed people to the Light of the world
- Here’s the grand crescendo, THIS WORD, THIS LIGHT, the One Who’s One with God, Jesus, stepped into creation
 - In that moment in history mankind got a visible glimpse of the greatest gift
 - Belief in Jesus (God’s Son) changed them forever
 - & that greatest gift ever is still offered to ALL who will call upon the name of the Lord (that’s Who we celebrate at Christmas)