

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Notes for August 9-10, 2003**

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**"The Word Incarnate"**

**John 1:9-11**

What makes Jesus qualified to reveal God to man?

What we learn about the Word and God in John 1:1-2 makes Jesus qualified.

What we learn about the Word and creation in John 1:3-5 makes Jesus qualified.

What we learn about the Word and John the Baptist in John 1:6-8 makes Jesus qualified to reveal God to man.

What we learn about the Word incarnate in John 1:9-14 makes Jesus qualified to reveal God to man.

We learn that the Word, the true light who alone is able to enlighten every man, chose to come into the world (John 1:9).

The word "true" (ALETHINOS) here means "real." It is real or true because it is the ultimate expression of God's truth.

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The ultimate expression of light that the Word was willing to supply to this world was Himself (John 1:9).

When the Apostle John refers to the coming of the true light he is alluding to the incarnation of the Word which is more clearly spelled out in John 1:14.

Without the incarnation, without the coming of the true light, the world had no hope of being enlightened (John 1:9).

The phrase "enlightens every man" simply means that the only way for any particular individual to be saved is by the true light enlightening them (Romans 5:18).

We learn that the true light was rejected (John 1:10-11).

John begins by focusing on the rejection of the true light by the world in John 1:10.

The world had the opportunity to consider the evidence and enthusiastically embrace the Word, which was the reasonable and proper response, but they rejected Him.

When John says that the true light came to His own (TA IDIA), he literally meant He came to His own things.

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The true light was not rejected simply by the world but by Israel, His own people.

All too often it is still true that His own people do not receive Him.