

# Gospel of John

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**He, the Word, Jesus Christ, is full of grace and truth. The incarnation of grace & truth**

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**He ranks before me (has a higher rank), because He was (existed) before me! Deity!**

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**John was born 6 months before Jesus. So John's testimony must be about His Deity!**

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**We have all received grace upon grace (one grace heaped on another!). Grace!!**

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**God's Law through Moses cannot save. It condemns. But Grace through Jesus saves!**

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**Absolutely not! The Law is God's perfect, holy standard. Relying on Law is a curse!**

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**The Law was our guardian, schoolmaster, to prepare and lead us to Christ. Grace!!**

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**No one has ever seen God (Father). Jesus at the Father's side has made Him known!**

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**Who are you? They examined John regarding (3) specific OT prophecies re Messiah.**

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