

THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS | 1 John 1:1-4 (John 1:1-14)

What are some things that you are uncertain about in life at the moment? How does thinking about these things make you feel?

READ 1 JOHN 1:1-4

1. What do you know already about the Apostle John (his life, ministry, etc.)? Given he's already written a Gospel, why do you think he might be writing this letter (c.f. 1 John 5:13)?
2. John begins this letter by listing what he and the other apostles proclaim concerning Jesus, the Word of life (v. 1). Why do you think he lists these things, and what particular events might he have had in mind?
3. What do we learn about the *humanity* of Jesus (i.e. his 'human-ness') in this opening verse?
4. John uses a unique title for Jesus here - 'the Word of life.' What sort of ideas and images might lie behind this name. Flick back to *John 1:1-14* for some ideas.
5. John gets so excited by the fact that Jesus is the Word of life, that he breaks off his argument and spends all of the

second verse unpacking it even further. What do we learn about the *divinity* of Jesus (i.e. his 'God-ness') in this verse?

6. John picks up again where he left off in verse 3 by giving us the first of two reasons for his proclamation: that we also may have *fellowship*. How is our fellowship with one another related to our fellowship with the Father and the Son?
7. Verse 4 provides the second reason why John is writing: *joy*. Why is joy a natural outworking of the gospel being proclaimed? And what might it look for our joy to be made 'complete'?
8. Jesus is true man and true God, and the basis of true fellowship and true joy. How can we as a church family be cultivating a culture of true fellowship and joy here in Gunnedah today?

1 John stands as a word of certainty in an uncertain world.

- *Pray that we will know and trust Jesus as true man and true God, and that we might find true fellowship and true joy in him.*
- *Pray for those who don't know Jesus that they might come to know the certain hope of eternal life.*