

**Sermon Series:** The Big Picture

**Sermon title:** The Magnificence of Jesus Christ

**Scripture Reading:** John 1:43-51

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The first and foremost value of our church is

**Beholding** God. We want to be people who see God, but not just see. We want to delight in Christ. We want to feel joy in Christ. We want to feel a passion burning in our hearts for Christ; to love him, to adore him, to yearn to know him.

**I have one simple task today;** I want to exalt Jesus Christ in our hearts and minds. I want to elevate him as high as I possibly can. I want to brag on Christ! I want to declare to you his matchless worth, his majesty and his magnificence. I want to show you that he is the fulfillment of the Old Testament promises.

Now today, we finally come to The Man, Jesus Christ.

How can I plumb the depths of who he is?

How can I accurately describe this man?

Can words convey his brilliance or the glory that is due him?

I will surely fall short. So, brothers and sisters read the Bible! Mine for rubies and gold in the deep caverns and **BEHOLD** his glory in the scriptures.

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In our study of the major themes of the Bible, we've been going through the Old Testament for many weeks. We've been working a puzzle. We've been putting many pieces together and trying to make out what the meaning of the whole Bible is.

Today we come to the New Testament and the puzzle will become clear. In fact, my hope and prayer is that today it'll be more clear than you've ever seen it in your life.

Turn to **John chapter 1**.

This is the place that I have chosen to go to extract the riches of Christ in the New Testament after spending many weeks in the Old Testament.

I'm going to start further back in chapter 1 and then go back to the beginning.

**[Read John 1:43-51]**

**Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament scriptures.**

**"We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth"**

There are other places where Jesus himself declared that he was the fulfillment of the scriptures; that he is the one they've been waiting for.

[\[Read John 5:39\]](#)

[\[Read Luke 24:25-27\]](#)

[\[Read Luke 24:44-45\]](#)

We started out our first week by looking at **Creation** and what we found is that Jesus Christ, God the Son was there in the beginning.

Next we looked at man's **Fall** into sin. There we saw the first promise of a deliverer who will crush the serpent's head. Jesus Christ crushed Satan when he died and rose again.

We looked at the **Promise** made to Abraham and the other patriarchs. The promise is that an offspring of Abraham that will bless all nations. God is saving people from all nations through Jesus Christ.

We saw in the **Exodus**, that He's the passover lamb that is slain to deliver from death.

In the **Conquest & Settlement**, He's the new Joshua that conquers all our enemies and provides a land for us to live in forever.

When we studied **Kingship**, we saw that He's the better King that we all need in the line of David; the

promised King who will reign on the throne for eternity.

In the **Exile**, we saw that He's the holy and righteous judge who disciplines those he loves and will not tolerate idolatry.

And last week we studied the **Return & Restoration**. We saw Jesus Christ as the forgiver of sin and the one who restores us to God. He's the mediator of a better covenant.

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But, he's **much more** than just a fulfillment of Old Testament scriptures!

Let's look at who Jesus Christ is in John 1 and marvel.

**[Read John 1:1-3]**

So, you should hear echoes in this text of Genesis chapter 1. "In the beginning". Creation. Life. Light. Darkness. **Jesus Christ is God**. He is God! The one we have been waiting for is not *merely* a human, not just a King, not just a deliverer, not just a restorer...but he is God.

He's "*with God*" and "*in the beginning with God*" but yet he is God. So, he's not the Father God yet he is still God. Look at verse 3. It says, "*All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.*" Verse 10 repeats this, "*the world was made through him*". He's the **Creator**.

I don't know any other way to say it but to say that when you read Genesis 1 you should think of the pre-incarnate Jesus Christ.

So, when it came time for God to send this promised deliverer we've been waiting for, what we find is that he's not only the promised deliverer but he is divine. We didn't expect him to be God!

John 1 is filled with the divinity of Jesus. In verse 4 where it mentions that *"in him was life"* and that he is *"the light"* this is accentuating what John has already said about him being God and Creator.

### **Let's scan through John 1 and behold who he is!**

- **[Verse 12]** He who gives the right to become children of God. (Isaiah 8:18)
- **[Verse 14]** He who tabernacled among us. (Ezekiel 37:27-28)
- **[Verse 14]** He who has the glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (Exodus 33:18)
- **[Verse 15]** He who ranks before John (cuz he was before John).
- **[Verse 29]** He who is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. (Genesis 22)

- **[Verse 32]** He on whom the Spirit descends and remains. (Isaiah 11, Isaiah 42)
- **[Verse 41]** Messiah. (1 Samuel 16)
- **[Verse 45]** He of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote. (Deuteronomy 18)
- **[Verse 49]** He who is the true Rabbi. (Isaiah 54:13)
- **[Verse 49]** He who is the Son of God. (2 Samuel 7)
- **[Verse 49]** He who is King of Israel. (2 Samuel 7)
- **[Verse 51]** Him on whom the angels ascend and descend. (Genesis 28)
- **[Verse 51]** He who is Son of Man. (Daniel 7:9-14)

Which title did Jesus call himself the most?

**Son of Man.**

**[Read Daniel 7:9-14]**

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Oh, how magnificent and glorious is this man Jesus Christ! Listen to just some of the things that he is known as.

He's the....

**Advocate** (1 John 2:1)

**Almighty** (Rev. 1:8; Mt. 28:18)

**Alpha and Omega** (Rev. 1:8; 22:13)

**Amen** (Rev. 3:14)

**Apostle of our Profession** (Heb. 3:1)

**Atoning Sacrifice for our Sins** (1 John 2:2)

**Author of Life** (Acts 3:15)

**Author and Perfecter of our Faith** (Heb. 12:2)  
**Author of Salvation** (Heb. 2:10)  
**Beginning and End** (Rev. 22:13)  
**Blessed and only Ruler** (1 Tim. 6:15)  
**Bread of God** (John 6:33)  
**Bread that comes down from heaven** (John 6:50)  
**Bread of Life** (John 6:35; 6:48)  
**Bridegroom** (Mt. 9:15)  
**Capstone** (Acts 4:11; 1 Pet. 2:7)  
**Chief Cornerstone** (Eph. 2:20)  
**Chief Shepherd** (1 Pet. 5:4)  
**Christ** (1 John 2:22)  
**Creator** (John 1:3)  
**Deliverer** (Rom. 11:26)  
**Eternal Life** (1 John 1:2; 5:20)  
**Faithful and True** (Rev. 19:11)  
**Faithful and True Witness** (Rev. 3:14)  
**First and Last** (Rev. 1:17; 2:8; 22:13)  
**Firstborn From the Dead** (Rev. 1:5)  
**Firstborn over all creation** (Col. 1:15)  
**Gate** (John 10:9)  
**God** (John 1:1; 20:28; Heb. 1:8; Rom. 9:5; 2 Pet. 1:1; 1 John 5:20; etc.)  
**Good Shepherd** (John 10:11,14)  
**Great Shepherd** (Heb. 13:20)  
**Great High Priest** (Heb. 4:14)  
**Head of the Church** (Eph. 1:22; 4:15; 5:23)

**Head of the House** (Mt. 10:25)  
**Heir of all things** (Heb. 1:2)  
**High Priest** (Heb. 2:17)  
**Holy and True** (Rev. 3:7)  
**Holy One** (Acts 3:14)  
**Hope (1 Tim. 1:1)**  
**Hope of Glory** (Col. 1:27)  
**Horn of Salvation** (Luke 1:69)  
**I Am** (John 8:58)  
**Image of God** (2 Cor. 4:4)  
**Immanuel** (Mt. 1:23)  
**Judge of the living and the dead** (Acts 10:42)  
**King Eternal** (1 Tim. 1:17)  
**King of Israel** (John 1:49)  
**King of kings** (1 Tim 6:15; Rev. 19:16)  
**King of the Jews** (Mt. 27:11)  
**King of the Ages** (Rev. 15:3)  
**Lamb** (Rev. 13:8)  
**Lamb of God** (John 1:29)  
**Lamb Without Blemish** (1 Pet. 1:19)  
**Last Adam** (1 Cor. 15:45)  
**Life** (John 14:6; Col. 3:4)  
**Light of the World** (John 8:12)  
**Lion of the Tribe of Judah** (Rev. 5:5)  
**Living One** (Rev. 1:18)  
**Living Stone** (1 Pet. 2:4)  
**Lord** (2 Pet. 2:20)



**Lord of All** (Acts 10:36)  
**Lord of Glory** (1 Cor. 2:8)  
**Lord of lords** (Rev. 19:16)  
**Lord of the sabbath** (Lk. 6:5)  
**Man from Heaven** (1 Cor. 15:48)  
**Master** (Lk. 5:5; 8:24; 9:33)  
**Mediator of the New Covenant** (Heb. 9:15)  
**Mighty God** (Isa. 9:6)  
**Morning Star** (Rev. 22:16)  
**Offspring of David** (Rev. 22:16)  
**Only Begotten Son of God** (John 1:18; 1 John 4:9)  
**Our Great God and Savior** (Titus 2:13)  
**Our Holiness** (1 Cor. 1:30)  
**Our Husband** (2 Cor. 11:2)  
**Our Peace** (Eph 2:14)  
**Our Protection** (2 Thess. 3:3)  
**Our Redemption** (1 Cor. 1:30)  
**Our Righteousness** (1 Cor. 1:30)  
**Our Sacrificed Passover Lamb** (1 Cor. 5:7)  
**Power of God** (1 Cor. 1:24)  
**Precious Cornerstone** (1 Pet. 2:6)  
**Prophet** (Acts 3:22)  
**Rabbi** (Mt. 26:25)  
**Resurrection and Life** (John 11:25)  
**Righteous Branch** (Jer. 23:5)  
**Righteous One** (Acts 7:52; 1 John 2:1)  
**Rock** (1 Cor. 10:4)

**Root of David** (Rev. 5:5; 22:16)  
**Ruler of God's Creation** (Rev. 3:14)  
**Ruler of the Kings of the Earth** (Rev. 1:5)  
**Savior** (Eph. 5:23; Titus 1:4; 3:6; 2 Pet. 2:20)  
**Son of David** (Lk. 18:39)  
**Son of God** (John 1:49; Heb. 4:14)  
**Son of Man** (Mt. 8:20)  
**Son of the Most High God** (Lk. 1:32)  
**Source of Eternal Salvation** (Heb. 5:9)  
**The One Mediator** (1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 8:6; 9:15; 12:24)  
**The Stone the builders rejected** (Acts 4:11)  
**The Teacher** (John 11:28, NIV)  
**True Bread** (John 6:32)  
**True Light** (John 1:9)  
**True Vine** (John 15:1)  
**Truth** (John 1:14; 14:6)  
**Way** (John 14:6)  
**Wisdom of God** (1 Cor. 1:24)  
**Word of God** (Rev. 19:13)

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That's who he is!

All of our promises find their Yes in him.

He is magnificent. He's glorious. He is everything.

**Questions:**

Is He the burning desire of my soul?

In light of who he is, what should my life be about?

In light of who he is, how should we now live?