

John 1:9-14

The Text of John 1:9-14:

John 1:9 - *“That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.”*

A. Jesus is the true light (**John 8:12** and **II Corinthians 4:5-6**).

1. By saying Jesus is the true light, we can infer that there are false [imposter] “lights” (**Mark 13:21-23**).

a. Imposters would come claiming to carry the light as an apostle as well (**II Corinthians 11:12-15**).

b. There will continue to be those who falsely claim to represent the light today (**Matthew 7:15**, **Colossians 2:8**, and **II Peter 2:1-3**).

c. We can test those claiming to bring the light to find out who is a fake and who is true (**Isaiah 8:20** and **I John 4:1**).

2. Christ is the truth (**John 1:17**; **14:6**).

B. True, Jesus is the light for all men (**John 12:46**, **Titus 2:11-14**, and **I John 2:1-2**).

1. However, all men have to want that light to be able to see Him (**John 14:21**). (This is shown in **John 1:10-11** as well.)

2. One can reject Christ (**Luke 9:22**, **John 6:60-66**, and **John 12:48**).

3. Most people reject Christ (**Luke 13:23-24**).

John 1:10-11 - *“He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.”*

A. The world rejected the creator, which is nothing new (**Romans 1:16-32**).

1. The Lord becomes hidden from those who use worldly wisdom (**I Corinthians 1:21-24**; **2:7-8**).

2. The world did not receive Him for a reason (**John 3:19-21**).

B. The Jews rejected Jesus too (**John 5:17-18** and **John 7:1**).

1. He was here for them (**Matthew 15:24**, **Acts 3:25-26**, and **Galatians 4:1-5**) and because of them (**Hebrews 7:14**), but they didn't see it (**John 8:30-47**).

2. Isaiah foretold of this rejection (**Isaiah 53:1-3**).

John 1:12-13 - *“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”*

A. He gave power [authority] to become sons of God to those who received and believed on Him (**Galatians 3:26-27** and **I John 5:12-13**).

1. “Receiving Christ” is not all one must do (**Colossians 2:6**).

2. Believing in Christ is only a step towards becoming a child of God (**Mark 16:15-16, Acts 18:8, and Titus 3:8**).

B. That birth into the Lord is not a physical birth (**John 3:1-5**).

1. We are baptized into Christ (**Romans 6:3**).
2. Our spiritual birth is required to gain the victory (**I John 5:4**).
3. Being born of God requires a true conversion (**I John 2:29; 3:9**).

John 1:14 - *“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”*

A. The word (we’ve learned in studying verses 1-5 that this is Christ) became flesh (**Philippians 2:5-8, I Timothy 3:16, and II John 7**).

1. Jesus dwelt among men, therefore understanding the life of us in the flesh (**Hebrews 4:14-16**).
2. They beheld [looked upon] the glory as of the only begotten of the Father (**John 2:11 and II Peter 1:16-17**).

B. Christ was full of grace (**Acts 15:11, Romans 3:24, Hebrews 2:9, and I Peter 5:10**) and truth (**John 18:37**).