

“SKIP THE MASK”

JOHN 1:14-18

In John, we do not encounter a veiled victor but a disclosed defender of the universe. His name is Jesus and instead of secrecy there is clarity. He is the quintessential superhero who does not hide behind a mask or need a cape or costume.

THE IDENTITY OF JESUS

① The S_____ of God (1:14)

The transcendent, omnipresent One took on a body and restricted Himself in time.

Jesus is God who became man. That’s not just an inconvenience; it’s an _____ of epic portion!

② The S_____ of God (1:15)

John the Baptist never shied away from the splendor of God in comparison to his own existence (John 1:27; 3:30-31; Matthew 3:14).

John humbly acknowledges his _____ in light of the Son’s _____.

③ The S_____ of God (1:16)

The fullness of God dwells in Jesus. He is fully God. No other _____ believes that truth!

The Apostle Paul emphatically agrees (Colossians 1:19; 2:9; Ephesians 1:23).

④ The S_____ of God (1:17)

The law _____ us but the Savior liberates us. The law stops us in our tracks by showing us the direction we are headed.

The bad news of our desperate plight only heightens the magnitude of the good news – the need for:

G_____ is eternal life (Romans 6:23)

R_____ is sinful man (3:23)

A_____ to God we stand guilty (14:12)

C_____ is the rescue for our sins (5:12)

E_____ is made through faith (10:9)

⑤ The S_____ of God (1:18)

This word “bosom” denotes an incredible intimacy. Jesus’ own words: “I and My Father are one” (10:30).

Colossians 1:15 agrees: “He is the image of the invisible God”

CONCLUSION

The identity of Jesus was never intended to be a mystery. He did not enter this world with a mask and costume but as an infant Babe in a manger. The Gospel of John makes it the priority to situate Jesus front and center in the very first chapter of this book. The gospel is Jesus; without Jesus there is no gospel.