



SUMMIT HEIGHTS

METHODIST CHURCH

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Anchored: One Lord, Jesus Christ

John 1:1-4

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Day 1: The Word Was God

Scripture: John 1:1-4

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men."

Reflection:

From the very first words of his Gospel, John declares the divinity of Jesus. He is not a created being, nor is he a lesser deity. Jesus is God. He was there in the beginning, the very agent of creation. The Nicene Creed affirms this truth by calling him God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. In a world that questions truth, we are anchored by the reality that Jesus is not just a good teacher or a prophet—he is the eternal God.

Application Questions:

1. How does knowing Jesus as God change the way you read the Bible?
2. What are some ways the world tries to redefine Jesus? How can you stand firm in biblical truth?
3. How does Jesus being the Creator affect how you see your own purpose and identity?

Day 2: Jesus, the I AM

Scripture: John 8:58-59

"Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.' So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple."

Reflection:

When Jesus declared, Before Abraham was, I am, he invoked the divine name given to Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3:14). This was not just a claim to antiquity; it was a claim to divinity. The Jews of his time understood what he was saying—that he was

equating himself with God—and they sought to stone him for blasphemy. The world wants to redefine Jesus, but He has already defined himself. He is the great I AM.

Application Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus' claim to be "I AM" was so controversial?
2. What does it mean for Jesus to be fully God and fully present in your life today?
3. How can you respond when others question or misunderstand who Jesus is?

Day 3: Jesus, the Forgiver of Sins

Scripture: Hebrews 10:10-14

"And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all... For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified."

Reflection:

Only God can forgive sins. If Jesus were merely a man, his death on the cross would be a tragic martyrdom, not a saving sacrifice. But because he is God, his sacrifice is sufficient for all time. His death paid our debt once and for all, and his resurrection secured our victory over sin and death. Imagine a courtroom where a guilty man stands condemned, but the judge himself pays the penalty. That is what Jesus has done for us.

Application Questions:

1. How does knowing Jesus has already paid for your sins impact your daily life?
2. Do you struggle with fully accepting Jesus' forgiveness? Why or why not?
3. In what ways can you reflect God's grace and forgiveness to others today?

Day 4: Jesus Is Worthy of Worship

Scripture: Revelation 5:11-14

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Reflection:

From the very beginning, Jesus has been worshiped as God. The Magi bowed before him at His birth (Matthew 2:11), his disciples worshiped him after the resurrection (Matthew 28:17), and all of heaven worships him even now. Worship is more than just singing songs on Sunday; it is the right ordering of our lives. Jesus is not only our Savior—He is our King, worthy of our devotion, our obedience, and our love.

Application Questions:

1. What does worship flow into your service for God?
2. How can your work for God reflect your worship of God?
3. What might be competing with Jesus for first place in your heart and life?

Day 5: The Invitation to Receive and Worship

Scripture: Mark 2:5-12

"And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'"

Reflection:

Jesus saw a paralyzed man, and instead of first healing his body, he forgave his sins. The religious leaders were outraged, recognizing that only God has the authority to forgive. Jesus then healed the man, proving his divine power. Often, we come to Jesus with immediate needs—financial struggles, health concerns, relationship troubles—but our deepest need is always spiritual. When we receive his grace, the only right response is worship.

Application Questions:

1. What are the biggest needs you often bring before God in prayer?
2. How does Jesus' authority to forgive sins encourage you today?
3. How can you prepare your heart for deeper worship and communion with Christ?