

LESSON 1: HIS IDENTITY IN SCRIPTURE

Biblical Passage: 1:1–5, 1:14, 5:31–47

Whether we recognize it or not, we are all bombarded daily by false teachings about the person and purpose of Jesus Christ. For example, the book (and subsequent movie release) written by Dan Brown, *The DaVinci Code*, was the number one book read on college campuses for years. Brown's book presented an elaborate and fictional story that tried to disprove that Jesus was (and is) the Son of God who lived on this earth and died for our sins. Regardless of what others say about Jesus, we all must decide for ourselves what to do with the evidence—whether to trust Christ or reject Him.

Read John 1:1–5, 14 and 5:31–47. Notice that John the Baptist, God the Father, the Scriptures, and Moses all served as witnesses of Jesus' identity. Each of these reinforced the fact that Jesus was who He said He was. Jesus not only created life but also gives life to those who trust and accept Him. This type of life is more than mere existence; it refers to spiritual life—knowing God and experiencing His power to transform your heart.

John wrote that Jesus brought light to humanity. Jesus Christ is the revelation of who God is and how God wants people to relate to Him. Throughout history people have sought enlightenment to improve their quality of life. Some have found it through faith in Jesus Christ, while others have refused to believe in the One who shines in the darkness.

CONNECTION QUESTIONS:

- Was all the evidence given in these verses credible? Why?
- What evidence did you find most compelling? Why?
- How does the fact that Jesus is the Son of God change your everyday life?