



EPIC DEVOTIONS

52 Weeks in the Story That Changed The World

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REMEMBER

John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’—John 1:29 (CSB)

READ

Read John 1:1-18. Where does the story of Jesus—the story of the gospel—begin? It’s sometimes tempting to think that Jesus’s story doesn’t really start until Matthew 1:1, the beginning of the New Testament. And that’s true in one respect; after all, the account of His birth, life on earth, death, and resurrection are all contained in the four Gospels. They show us people’s amazement at His teaching, their awestruck wonder at His miracles, and the religious leaders’ anger at His challenges to their teaching.

Although it’s true that the four Gospels are the beginning of Jesus’s story, it’s also not—and it’s the Gospels that remind us of this, because in the beginning was God and with Him was “the Word” (John 1:1), who was God and was the One through whom all things were created (v. 3). The Word who “became flesh and dwelt among us,” so that humanity could see His glory, “the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth” (v. 14).

Jesus, the Word of God, the Son of God, the One whose story is told throughout every page of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. And as we go into the world, we are called to tell everyone we meet about Him, the One they need to rescue and redeem them.

THINK

1. What is one of the hardest parts of the Bible for you to understand? Do you look at that part differently when you remember that it reveals something to you about Jesus?
2. Why does it matter that the Bible tells one big story? How does that fact change the way you read and understand it?
3. Think about John the Baptist’s words in John 1:29. What do you think was going through his mind when he realized Jesus was the “Lamb of God”?
4. Jesus came to reveal “grace and truth” to us (John 1:17). How does the grace He shows us in the gospel help us to be gracious to others?
5. God wants us to share the gospel with others. Who do you know who doesn’t know Jesus? Make a plan to share the good news with him or her.