MAIN THOUGHT – Jesus Christ is introduced to the world with seven descriptive titles – The WORD, The LIGHT, The SON OF GOD, The LAMB OF GOD, The MESSIAH, The KING OF ISRAEL, and The SON OF MAN.

OUR SOURCE OF LIGHT – JESUS CHRIST [4-5].

• LIFE (key theme – 36x) consists of LIGHT [8:12], AIR [20:22], WATER [4:10], and FOOD [6:35].
• Just as the first creation began with “Let there be light” [Gen. 1:3], so the new creation begins with His Light in our hearts [2 Cor. 4:6].
• Jesus was the dawning of a new day for sinful man [Lk. 1:78-79].
• Jesus was not understood by the spiritually undiscerning [1 Cor. 2:14]!
• People were not able to understand spiritual teaching in a non-physical way: His body the temple [2:19-21]; the new birth [3:4]; living water [4:11]; eating His flesh [6:52]; death as sleep [11:11-13].

OUR WITNESS TO LIGHT – JOHN THE BAPTIST (6-9).

• John came as a witness [gk = martyr (47x)] to Jesus to blind Israel and was martyred for his faith!
• Like John, we are not the light, but we are SENT [gk = apostle] to WITNESS [gk = martyr ] [4:38] to ALL MEN [Matt. 13:3; 1 Tim. 2:4; Tit. 2:11; 2 Pet. 3:9].

OUR RESPONSE TO LIGHT – RECEIVE HIM (10-13).

• People reject Christ because they have substitutes for Him. The Jews had their law, temple, and sacrifices but failed to recognize that they all pointed to the true light – Christ [Gal. 3:24]! Our culture substitutes are humanism and materialism for Christ!
• Even though Jesus did miracles for them, they refused (their will) to believe in Him [12:37].
• While others turned back and no longer followed Christ, Peter and the Twelve remained, knowing they had no other viable alternative [6:66-69].
• Only God can grant the right to be born into the family of God – it is free gift that only He can give [Eph. 2:8-9].
• BELIEVING is the first step toward God. This is called theism. But it is not the saving step, for the devil believes [Jam. 2:19].
• RECEIVING is the saving step to become BORN OF GOD.
• While we did not have approve our physical birth, but we do have to approve our spiritual birth. He needs your okay. He will not make you. He persuades and urges you.

“ . . . WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.”

John 3:16