

## Christmas at John's House: Eternal Savior

John 1:1-18

Common Metaphors	Metaphors in Literature
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time is a thief.</li> <li>• He has a heart of gold.</li> <li>• His head was spinning with ideas.</li> <li>• John is a real pig when he eats.</li> <li>• Authority is a chair, it needs legs to stand up.</li> <li>• Her home was a prison.</li> <li>• Life is a journey, purposes are destinations, means are routes, difficulties are obstacles, counselors are guides, achievements are landmarks and choices are crossroads.</li> <li>• It is raining cats and dogs.</li> <li>• Life has a tendency to come back and bite you.</li> <li>• It wasn't long before their relationship turned sour.</li> <li>• The committee shot her ideas down one by one.</li> <li>• America is a melting pot.</li> <li>• He swam in the sea of diamonds.</li> <li>• You are my sunshine.</li> <li>• A light in a sea of darkness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Time is a dressmaker specializing in alterations." - (Faith Baldwin, Face Toward the Spring, 1956)</li> <li>• "The streets were a furnace, the sun an executioner." - (Cynthia Ozick, "Rosa")</li> <li>• "But my heart is a lonely hunter that hunts on a lonely hill." - (William Sharp, "The Lonely Hunter")</li> <li>• "I can mingle with the stars, and throw a party on Mars; I am a prisoner locked up behind Xanax bars." - (Lil Wayne, "I Feel Like Dying")</li> <li>• "Men's words are bullets that their enemies take up and make use of against them." - (George Savile, Maxims)</li> <li>• "A man may break a word with you, sir, and words are but wind." - (William Shakespeare, The Comedy of Errors)</li> <li>• "The rain came down in long knitting needles." - (Enid Bagnold, National Velvet)</li> <li>• "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." - (Abraham Lincoln, The Gettysburg Address, 1863)</li> </ul>

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 any thing made that was made.

In him was **life**, and the **life** was the **light** of men.

The **light** shines in the **darkness**, and the **darkness** has not overcome it. There was a man sent from **God**, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the **light**, that all might believe through him. He was not the **light**, but came to bear witness about the **light**.

The true **light**, which gives **light** to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name,

he gave the right to become children of **God**, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of **God**.

And the **Word** became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his **glory**, **glory** as of the only Son from the Father, full of **grace** and **truth**. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his **fullness** we have all received, **grace** upon **grace**. For the law was given through Moses; **grace** and **truth** came through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen **God**; the only **God**, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

**Purpose:** Now Jesus did many other **signs** in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (John 20:30-31 ESV)

## Seven Signs of Jesus as the Eternal Savior: Miracles

1. **Water into Wine:** I Am the True Vine / Born in Bethlehem Ephrathah (fruitful)  
(John 2:11 ESV)
2. **Boy Near Death:** I Am the Way, The Truth, The Life / Wise Men Traveled to Jesus  
(John 4:54 ESV)
3. **Invalid at the Pool:** I Am the Door of the Sheep (Sheep Gate) / Entered Stable  
(John 5:5-9 ESV)
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(John 6:16-21 ESV)
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(John 9:1-7 ESV)
7. **Resurrection of Lazarus:** I Am the Resurrection and the Life / Survived Killings by Herod  
(John 11:38-44 ESV)

## Seven Signs of Jesus as the Eternal Savior: I AM statements

### I AM:

Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” (John 8:58 ESV)

1. **BREAD OF LIFE:** Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. (John 6:25 ESV)
2. **LIGHT OF THE WORLD:** Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12 ESV)
3. **DOOR:** So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. (John 10:7 ESV)
4. **GOOD SHEPHERD:** I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:11 ESV)
5. **RESURRECTION AND LIFE:** Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ( John 11:15 ESV)
6. **WAY, TRUTH, LIFE:** Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6 ESV)
7. **TRUE VINE:** “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. (John 15:1 ESV)

## Seven Signs of Jesus as the Eternal Savior: Witnesses

1. **John the Baptist:** “Behold, the Lamb of God...” (1:34)
2. **Nathaniel:** “Rabbi, you are the son of God...” (1:49)
3. **Peter:** “...you are the Holy One of God!” (6:69)
4. **Christ:** “I and the Father are one!” (10:30)
5. **Martha:** “I believe that you are the Son of God!” (11:27)
6. **Thomas:** “My Lord and my God!” (20:28)
7. **John:** “...Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God...” (20:31)

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## The Paradox of the Gospel: The Abstract becomes the Concrete

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### 2. LIFE / DEATH

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### 4. BELIEF / REJECTION:

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### 5. SPIRITUAL BIRTH / PHYSICAL BIRTH

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### 6. GLORY / FLESH

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