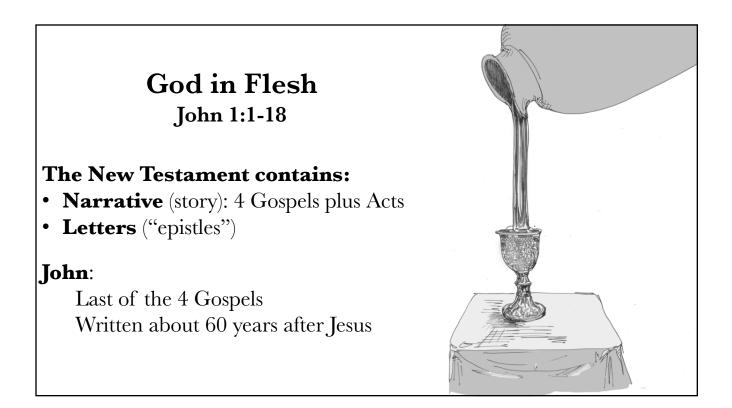
# Responding to <u>Predicaments</u>

• A fire

-What might we have to respond to a fire?

- A predicament in life ... examples?
  - -How do we respond?
  - -We tend to use what we think are our strengths to respond to whatever challenges we have.
  - -Sometimes are strengths are like pouring gas on a fire
- How does God respond to the human predicament?

predicament = a mess; a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation

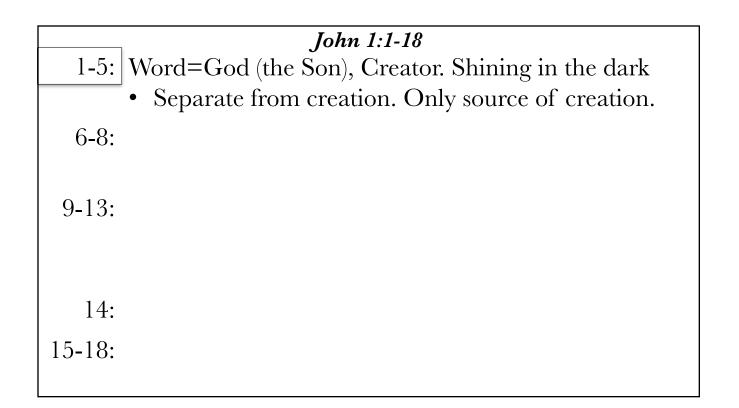


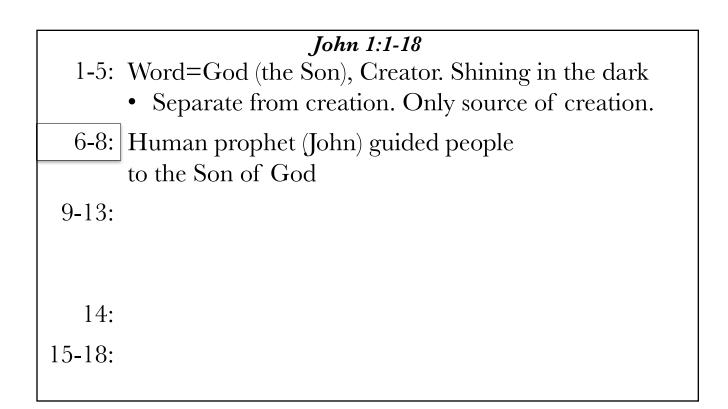
The Word of God: enacts and reveals His will In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God said..., and God said..., and God said... (10 times) and it was as He said.

By the **word of the Lord** the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. *Psalm 33:6* 

The LORD sent out **his word** and healed them. *Psalm 107:20* 

In the **beginning** was the **Word**, and the **Word was with God**, and the **Word was God**. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made. *John 1:1-3* 





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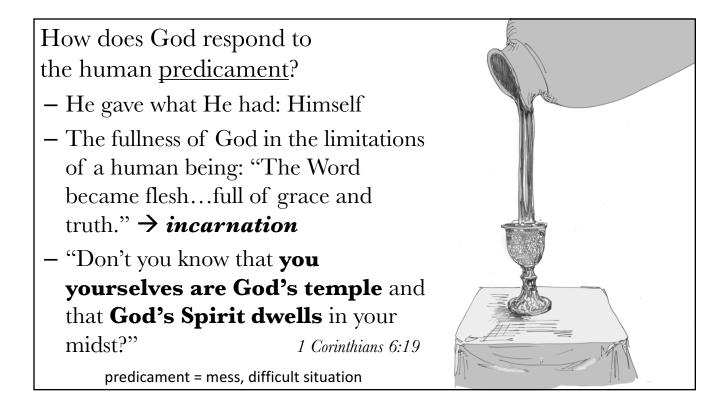
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- Believe/Receive in the Son of God, Jesus Christ
  - The perfect expression of God's perfect grace and truth
  - Christmas is a celebration of the creation-altering event of the Creator becoming a part of His creation so broken creatures can enter His perfect Kingdom
  - This step of faith is our rebirth as children of God

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- Believe/Receive in the Son of God, Jesus Christ
- Reorient our lives around this reality
  - Respond to life's challenges based on the reality of...
    - God the Son enabling us to be in the family of God forever
    - God the Spirit living in us to comfort and transform us
    - God working in His people and in His creation
  - Responding to life's challenges apart from God...
    - can't address the root cause
    - and so can never actually resolve them

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- Believe/Receive in the Son of God, Jesus Christ
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- Receive + Reorient = Worship God
  - Facing God: prayer, worship, listening, meditating, ...
  - Facing life: obedience and hope

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Joy to the world: the Lord is come! Let every heart prepare Him room