

Come and See: Walking with Jesus in the Gospel of John

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1 John 1:1-4 New International Version (NIV)

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to make our joy complete.

1 John 1:1-4 The Message (MSG)

¹⁻² From the very first day, we were there, taking it all in—we heard it with our own ears, saw it with our own eyes, verified it with our own hands. The Word of Life appeared right before our eyes; we saw it happen! And now we're telling you in most sober prose that what we witnessed was, incredibly, this: The infinite Life of God himself took shape before us. ³⁻⁴ We saw it, we heard it, and now we're telling you so you can experience it along with us, this experience of communion with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ. Our motive for writing is simply this: We want you to enjoy this, too. Your joy will double our joy!

John 1 New International Version (NIV)

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning . . . ¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

For Small Group Discussion

- How has being a mother helped you see things with fresh eyes? Share an experience in which your children have helped you to recapture a sense of wonder.
- When have you seen or experienced something and been bursting with enthusiasm, eager to tell other people? (Perhaps it was a movie, play, or work of art; a beautiful park or landscape; a wonderfully refreshing weekend with friends, etc.)
- What particular words or phrases from I John 1:1-4 are especially meaningful or intriguing for you today?
- Share prayer requests or matters of praise/thanksgiving: Are there ways in which Jesus has been revealing Himself to you during the summer months? How might He be calling you to see and know Him in new ways during this season of your life?