

Those who receive Jesus are children of God.

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12 (ESV)

who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:13 (ESV)

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 1:14 (ESV)

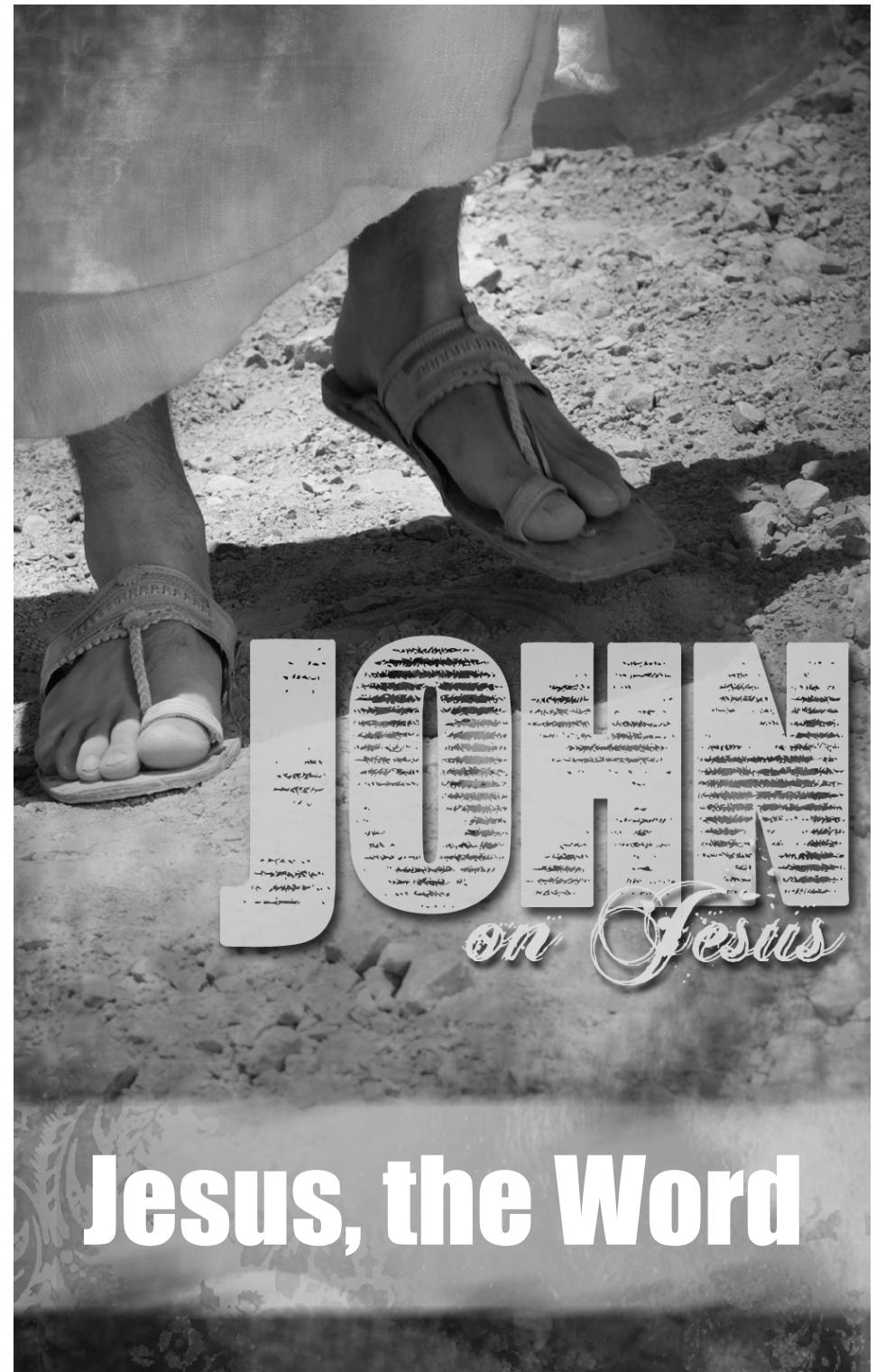
Application

1. If you have not trusted in Christ, believe. If God is prompting you, it is a supernatural work in your heart. Respond by believing he is the king and creator of everything, who loves you and who died for you.
2. If you are already a Christian, be like John the Baptist. Realize I am not the light. My role is to simply point people to Jesus.
3. If you are already a Christian, be like John the apostle. Connect with the world I live in. Tell friends about Jesus in a way they can understand. Everyone is a missionary. The only question is where we are serving.

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John 1:1-14

What background do we need to know?

John wrote for the Hebrews.

John wrote for the Greeks.

John is trying to bring these cultures together.

How does Jesus relate to God?

In the beginning was the Word. John 1:1 (ESV)

...and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God. John 1:2 (ESV)

How does Jesus relate to the universe?

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. John 1:4 (ESV)

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
John 1:5 (ESV)*

How does Jesus connect with history?

John the Baptist prepared the way.

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. John 1:6–9 (ESV)

The world did not recognize Jesus.

He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. John 1:10 (ESV)

He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. John 1:11 (ESV)