

Overcomers: Overcoming Death

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John 1:1-14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. 6 There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9 The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

1. JESUS IS GOD

John 1:1-2

1 In the beginning was the Word (Logos: Greek for Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 HE was with God in the beginning.

John 10:30

"I and the Father are one."

2. JESUS IS GOD IN FLESH

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

Matthew 1:23

23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."

3. JESUS CAME TO SAVE US FROM DEATH AND HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD

John 1:4

4 In him was life

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 10:10

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Isaiah 53:5

he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

John 10:17-18a

"17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life — only to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord..."

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

54 "Death has been swallowed up in victory." 55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" 56... 57... thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Acknowledge your sinfulness. (Romans 3:23)
- Believe that Jesus has saved you. (Acts 16:31)
- Confess Him as your Lord. (Romans 10:9)