

PARALLELS BETWEEN JOHN'S PROLOGUE AND HIS GOSPEL

John 1:14

Theme from Prologue	Parallel in John's Gospel	Significance
Preexisting Word (1:1-2)	17:5	Christ has equal status with God.
Life itself was in him (1:4)	5:26	Christ is the source of life; we must come to him for eternal life.
This life gives light (1:4)	8:12	Only Christ can light our path. We must follow him.
Darkness rejects the light (1:5)	3:19	Those bound by sin reject Christ's life and truth.
Darkness can never extinguish the light (1:5)	12:35	The hostility of unbelievers can never destroy Christ's light.
Real light comes into the world (1:9)	3:19; 12:46	Christ shows us the way to have a personal relationship with God, but we must believe and follow.
Jesus' own people did not receive him (1:11)	4:44	We must not be like those who refused to believe.
Being born of God (1:13)	3:6; 8:41-42	To experience God's love we must be born again.
We have seen Christ's glory (1:14)	12:41	We know his real identity and his true nature as the Son of God.
Jesus is the one and only (1:14, 18)	3:16	Christ is the unique, unparalleled, and unrivaled Son of God.
Truth comes through Jesus (1:17)	14:6	Christ's life and teaching demonstrate God's revealed will. Those who listen to and follow his truth will be saved.
Only Jesus has seen God (1:18)	6:44-46	Christ is the ultimate authority on what God is like. We should not trust anyone else.