

The Gospel of John 1:4-11	Questions
<p>John 1:4-11 <b>4</b> In Him was life, and the life was the <sup>2b</sup>light of men. <b>5</b> And the <sup>a</sup>light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <b>6</b> There came a man <sup>1</sup>sent from God, whose name was John. <b>7</b> <sup>1</sup>He came for a testimony that he might testify concerning the light, that all might believe through him. <b>8</b> He was not the light, but <i>came</i> that he might testify concerning the light. <b>9</b> <i>This</i> was the <sup>a</sup>true light which, coming into the world, <sup>b</sup>enlightens every man. <b>10</b> He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, yet the world did not know Him. <b>11</b> He came to His own, yet those who were His own did not receive Him.</p> <p><b>I The Light of Men Shines in the Darkness</b></p> <p>A. The Word that defines, describes and expresses God is full of life which is light to men in darkness</p> <p>B. The light of men reaches men because of God's compassions, His mercy and love.</p> <p>C. The light of men reaches men where they are, i.e., in darkness and in the shadow of death</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Men sit in the darkness because they are born blind, darkened in their understanding. The light comes in because the light sees our real condition (John 9:1, Eph.4:18a))</li> <li>2. Men are darkened in their understanding, ignorant and hardened in their hearts.</li> <li>3. Men are in the shadow of death, alienated from the life of God, with no peace</li> </ol> <p>D. As the light of the rising sun visits from on high, men are enlightened (brought into the light and given sight), no longer ignorant, receive a soft heart, receive God's life and peace (Rom.8:6b)</p> <p><b>II The Envoy of the Light (John 1:6-8)</b></p> <p>A. John the Baptist was sent as an envoy from God with a special commission to testify for the Light so that people might believe in the Light through his testimony. (John 1:7, 29, 31-32, 34, 35-37)</p> <p>B. He was not the Light; he just testified concerning the true Light. (John 1:8, 21-23)</p> <p>C. This light, to which John testified, is the true light which illumines and enlightens every man inwardly and which brings life to the ones who receive the Word</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This true Light created the world and came into it, but the world, the human race, did not know Him</li> <li>2. He came to His own and they did not receive Him. (John 1:10-11)</li> </ol>	<p>"In the Word was life" - what does that mean? The light of men shines in the darkness - what does that tell us about the condition of men and why? Why do men sit in the darkness?</p> <p>Why does it say, "light shines" (present continuous) and "darkness did not overcome it" (past)? What does the verse seem to be saying about light and darkness?</p> <p>What experiences have you had where darkness tried to overcome the light in you? What happened? How does verse 5 apply to you, in your daily life?</p> <p>Who was the John in vv.6-8? What was his background? How and where did he testify concerning the light? What was his testimony? What did he want people to believe?</p> <p>What is the 'true' light? What can it accomplish? Is the effect of the true light automatic? Prove it. What other kinds of light are there? How does verse 9 apply to you?</p> <p>Who is the 'He' in verse 10? (be specific) Excluding John the Baptist, how many persons have been mentioned already between verse 1 and 10. What does the 'Him' in verse 3 and the 'He' in verse 10 have in common? What is the relationship? How does verse 10 apply to you?</p>