

The First letter of John

True Knowledge

Session Two: The Nature and Work of Christ

I have mentioned the 'nature' of Christ, because John is at such pains to tell us that Jesus was as human as anyone else in order to counter-act the heretical teaching.

Study 1 John 1:1-4

1. What do you understand John to mean by, "the Word"?
2. Do these verses remind you of any passages in John's Gospel? Do other New Testament authors use "the Word" to describe the Gospel Message?
3. How does John confirm the true humanity of Jesus and what is his authority for saying what he does?
4. Who are these "we" he mentions and why are they important?
5. Why is it so important that verses like these have been written down?

Look at 1 John 2:1-6

6. Some aspects of Christ's work are described in 2:1-2. Put this work into your own words.
7. What is the true knowledge of God and how do we know that what we have is true?
8. In I John 2:18 who are the antichrists and why does John associate their appearance with the last hour?

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