

# THE BIG PICTURE

## The Gospel of John, Chapter 1

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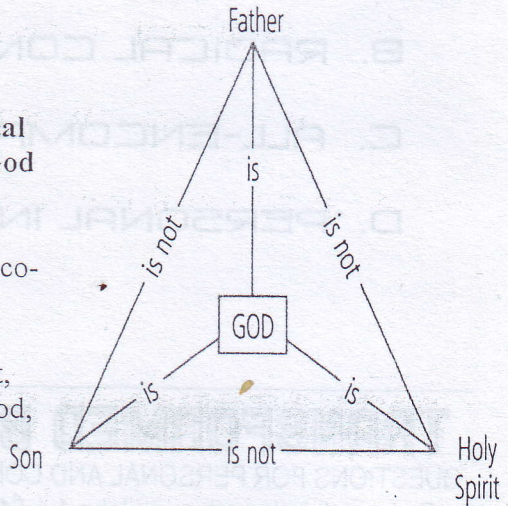
### I. Introduction

### II. John's Prologue and Scripture's Picture

#### A. CREATION

##### The Biblical and Historical Orthodox Definition of God

There is one God who eternally exists in three co-equal and different persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, all of whom are fully God, all of whom are equal.



#### B. INCARNATION

Jesus Christ is fully and completely *divine*.

Jesus Christ is fully and completely *human*.

The divine and human natures of Jesus Christ are *distinct* and completely *united* in one person, the Son of God.



## C. IDENTIFICATION

## D. DISSEMINATION

### III. Conclusion

#### A. GRACIOUS PARDON

#### B. RADICAL COMMISSION

#### C. ALL-ENCOMPASSING CHRIST

#### D. PERSONAL INVITATION

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## TRANSFORMED BY THE TRUTH

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY GROUP REFLECTION

1. Go over John's prologue (John 1:1-51) and discuss its theology of creation, incarnation, identification and dissemination. What grabs you the most in this section of scripture and why?
2. Go over the points in the conclusion and discuss how they fit into your personal life in practical ways.
3. Discuss the story of Perpetua and Felicity. While we may not face martyrdom in the States for our faith, how can you live more radically and sacrificially for Christ in our western context of religious freedom and face our fears and/or complacencies in sharing our faith?