

(John) as Many as Received Him

by Brian Brodersen

Jesus is the true light that gives light to every man, and his coming into the world marks the fulfillment of prophecy and the beginning of the messianic age.

Duration: 50:25

Scripture: Genesis 1:3, Psalm 19:1, Isaiah 49:1-6, Matthew 5:14-16, John 1:1-14

Topics: "General Revelation", "Divine Witness"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes that no one has an excuse for their unbelief because God has given a universal witness of himself. This witness can be seen in three areas: above us, around us, and inside of us. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. The preacher also highlights the connection between John's Gospel and Genesis, specifically focusing on the introduction of light as a parallel between the two.

Transcript

All right, let's turn to John's gospel. And we are in the introductory part of this gospel here. And tonight we're going to be looking specifically at.

Verses 6 through 13, but let's go back again to the beginning and just get the connection from right back there in verse one in the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God. He was in the beginning with God all things were made through him and without him. Nothing was made that was made in him was life and the life was the light of men and the light shines continually in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.

now in the fourth and the fifth verse we have this introduction to light and remember we've been noticing the parallel between John chapter 1 and Genesis chapter 1 and remember there in Genesis chapter 1. The very first thing that occurs is light God said let there be light and here in John's gospel. He's talking also about light. He said in Jesus Christ was life and the life was the light of men and we talked about this in the previous study, but I wanted to just go back and touch on it for a moment tonight.

It is no doubt spiritual life that John's referring to when he talks about in him was life and the life was the light of men Jesus has brought us spiritual light man apart from Christ is in darkness and it's only through Christ that we can have an understanding of spiritual things in the true sense. There are a lot of people that dabble in spirituality and are into different kinds of spiritual things. But of course, they're connecting

with the wrong sources.

The only way to connect with God with the true spirituality is by doing so through his son Jesus Christ. So it's it's through that that spiritual life that he gives us that we receive the true light concerning God. Now in verse 6 John the apostle briefly introduces us to another John John the Baptist and we're going to just skim over these verses pertaining to John the Baptist and we'll pick them up again a bit later when we come to verse 19, but let's look at it to see the connection here.

He's talking about the fact that in him was life. The life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness of darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John this man came for a witness to bear witness of the light that all through him might believe so John the Baptist came to bear witness to the light now notice in verse 8 John the apostle tells us he was not that light but was sent to bear witness of that light. So John wasn't the light of course and as we move on in the gospel, we're going to find that when John began his ministry the people in his generation, especially the leaders they came with that very question. They came thinking maybe he was the light or they came thinking that perhaps he was the Messiah and they came and they asked him are you the Messiah and then he explained to them that he wasn't but John tells us here that he was not the light but he came to bear witness of that light and then he says this that was the true light which lights every man coming into the world or gives light to every man that is coming into the world.

And so this is where we really want to pick up tonight. We want to pick up in our exposition in verse 9. So John says concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, of course, we know who he is talking about because we've read the rest of the story. So we're not in any mystery regarding who he's referring to.

He's talking about the Lord and he says that he was the true light. Jesus is the true light. And John says which gives light to every man coming into the world or another way to translate that is that he is the true light which coming into the world gives light to every man so it can be translated either way.

So it's either referring to he's giving light to every man that's coming into the world or it's saying that in coming into the world the true light as he's coming into the world. He's coming and he's giving light to every man. I tend to think that it's probably a reference to his coming in because of course when he says he gives like to every man that's all inclusive.

You don't have to add to it the idea of the man coming into the world. So John tells us that Jesus gives light to everyone. Did you know that there is not a person and never has been a person that actually has an excuse for their unbelief? Because the Bible tells us that God has born witness of himself and that's really what is being talked about here.

Although the world is steeped in darkness, although the world is covered in darkness. God has not left himself without a witness and God holds all people accountable to respond to the witness that he's given God has given a universal witness to man of his reality and that universal witness is found in three areas. It's above us.

It's around us and it's inside of us. Psalm 19 says the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament or the sky shows his handiwork. So you see here's the reality, you know, people say all the time.

Well, I don't see any evidence for God. Well, just look up. That's what God said.

The heavens declare the glory of God. These heavens, these stars and these heavenly bodies, the moon and the sun and these things, the planets. God says this is all a testimony of my glory.

Now scientists have all kinds of theories about how large the universe is and I think the most recent speculation on it. It is it's something like 20 billion light-years in diameter. That's it's pretty big to say the least, you know, and there's theories about, you know, we live in one galaxy and then there's you know, galaxies upon galaxies and so on and so forth and and it's just obviously it's this incomprehensibly vast thing.

The heavens are and in the heavens there are these bodies the sun and the moon and the stars and and of course the sun is is our sun. It's within our system and it and it provides for us here upon the earth, but it's a star basically and it's a big star, but they say that it's an actually a small star in comparison to other stars that are out there. And when you look at the vastness of the universe, you know what it is meant to communicate.

It's meant to communicate one simple thing. God is great beyond comprehension. The fact that God stretched out the heavens the fact that these things exist and you know, of course, they're all in their their perfect position within heaven.

They're all sustained there in heaven by God's power. Obviously Job back in his day. He said that the Lord hangs the earth on nothing in those days.

Nobody knew that Job knew it by Revelation of the Spirit, but you you look up at the moon. You know, what is it hanging on? It's hanging on nothing. You look at the sun.

What is it hanging on? It's hanging on nothing. What is the earth hanging on? It's hanging on nothing. God's the one who's sustaining all of this.

And so the heavens themselves, they testify. To the glory of God. So we look above us and we have a witness.

We look around us. And we have a witness as well. You see God expects man to look at creation and to draw the most reasonable conclusion.

There must be a creator. That is the reasonable. That's the logical conclusion to draw when you look around at the created world and God holds man accountable for the created world around him as being a testimony to his reality.

But then we have something even beyond that. We have an internal testimony. We have within us that sense that there is a God we have all of us within us as we've talked before.

We have that sense that there are things that are right and there are things that are wrong and they have been instilled in us not by our parents not by culture. They've been instilled in us by God himself. And Paul tells us in Romans chapter 2 that there are remnants traces of the law of God that reside in the heart of every single man.

You see when God created man, he created man with the law of God in his heart. It was written upon the heart of Adam. But of course, we know that Adam sinned and so that law that was written there became darkened.

And of course as the generations have passed Adam passed on to us that sinful condition. And so with us to the law is there but yet it's darkened. But yet we still know.

We still know when we're doing things wrong. We still know that we should do certain things and we shouldn't do other things. We know it intuitively.

You see that's the witness of God to us. But John is actually talking about something just a little bit different because he's talking about something that Christ brought when he came. Jesus brought additional light to us.

You see we have the light of the heavens the light of the creation around us and we have the testimony within but Jesus came and he brought something beyond that. And although all of man is in darkness by nature because we're in sin yet God has given us an amount of light enough light to be able to make the right decision to be able to hear the gospel and respond to the gospel and believe in the gospel. Theologians refer to this as Provenient Grace.

Provenient Grace is a way of saying that God has illuminated man to the extent that every man has the ability to believe the gospel even though man is in darkness. God has lifted the darkness just slightly and given enough light for men to be able to hear the gospel and respond to it and be saved. And so as Jesus came into the world the true light he gives light to every man.

So the idea that there's some poor soul out there that would have gotten saved if they would have just had that opportunity but oh they missed it and now they have to go to hell. That poor soul doesn't exist. That scenario is not a reality.

There's no person that will end up in hell that would have gone to heaven had they had the opportunity but because they didn't have an opportunity had to go to hell. There's no such thing. And yet, you know people come up with those kinds of scenarios, but they're they're imaginary.

They're not real because God is going to get his salvation to every person that desires it. You can bet your life on that. There's not going to be anybody that didn't make it to heaven because the missionaries didn't arrive on time.

It doesn't happen that kind of thing doesn't exist. So John says concerning Christ. He was a true light now.

We can develop this whole thing of him being the true light, but we're going to come back to this later because Jesus will refer to himself later it with that same terminology. So we will wait till we come to that but as we move on notice now verse 10 and these are these are profound statements here. Speaking of the Lord Jesus.

It says he was in the world and the world was made through him, but the world did not know him. What an indictment he came into the world and the world had actually been made by him. You see that's what John's telling us here in no uncertain terms the creator came into the world.

That's who Jesus is as we've already seen as we studied previously. All things were made through him and without him nothing was made that was made not even one thing was made apart from him and John is reminding us once again that it's the creator who came into the world and it says that the world did not know him now think about this when the creator came into the world Jesus of Nazareth. It wasn't the world of nature that didn't know him because as you read through the Gospels you discover the world of nature

actually didn't know him.

You see that Jesus was acknowledged by nature the wind knew him it's submitted to him when he commanded it to cease blowing and the waves knew him. They calmed down at his command. And the animals knew him the fish jumped into the net at his command.

You remember that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a colt the full of a donkey and we are specifically told that no man had ever ridden that animal now, you know, you can't just hop on the back of a donkey or a horse and ride it. Jesus did. What does that tell you? It tells you that that little colt knew who was being carried on its back.

The rocks knew him and you remember what Jesus said when the Pharisees were indignant that the children were crying out and you remember they were saying oh save now son of David and the Pharisees said you tell them to be quiet. They're calling you the Messiah and Jesus said I'll tell you the truth if they were to keep quiet the very stones would cry out. I don't think that was hyperbole.

I don't think that was exaggeration. I think that was fact the stones would cry out, you know back in the Old Testament prophets. It is somewhat poetic language, but it talks about the trees of the field clapping their hands and the mountains breaking forth and praise.

I think there's something more to that than just poetic. I think that we will see someday that all of creation as the scripture says truly will and truly has praise the Lord. So it's not the world of nature that didn't know him.

But the great tragedy is that it is the world of men who did not know him and think of the irony in that because man is the pinnacle of creation man is the only creature made in the image of God. No other life form was made in the image of God man alone is made in the image of God and the very creature that's made in the image of God doesn't know his maker when he comes unbelievable. But you see atheism is something that men hope is true.

It's it's wishful thinking men say there is no God because they hope there is no God because they don't want to face the fact that there's someone above them someone over them someone who has a right to require certain things of them. Sigmund Freud was an ardent atheist yet amazingly interestingly he was preoccupied his entire life with the idea of God's existence now here's the irony about it Sigmund Freud said that that religious ideas were a sign of man in his infantile state he referred to all religious sentiment as a fairy tale he referred to all religious experience as hallucinatory psychosis. I mean this guy was an ardent atheist but interestingly his entire life.

He was preoccupied with the question of God's existence. Dr. Armand M. Nikolai jr. In his book entitled the question of God states this concerning Freud.

He says letters written throughout Freud's life are replete with words and phrases such as I passed my examination with God's help if God so will the good Lord taking the Lord to task into the keeping of the Lord until after the resurrection science seems to demand the existence of God God's judgment God's will God's grace God above if someday we meet above in the next world and my secret prayer now listen to what he says he says what does this mean can we not dismiss all this as merely figures of speech and then he says this yes if it were anyone but Freud but Freud insisted that even the slip of the tongue had meaning you've heard that term of Freudian slip you know somebody will say something say oh you know

that's what you really think that's what you really feel and that came from

Freud he he theorized that well here's a guy who he had several slips of the tongue at 82 years old his final book was entitled Moses and monotheism his whole life he couldn't escape this issue of the question of God yet he remained firm in his atheism and what you really see as you look at him is here's a man who everything in him told him there was a God but he simply did not want to consider that as a possibility lest he have to submit to God and do things God's way instead of his own and when John tells us that he was in the world in the world was made through him but the world did not know him that's what he's talking about he's talking about man's refusal to acknowledge his creator and so Jesus came into the world but the world didn't know him now to some degree at the time of

Jesus's coming into the world you might be able to at least partially excuse the the world at large the Gentile world because for millennia they had been left really without any specific revelation because you remember God many centuries earlier he sort of removed himself to some extent from working among the nations in general and he set apart a specific nation to accomplish his work in and through them and that was the nation of Israel so to some degree you could understand a little bit how the Roman world or the Greek world might have missed him when he came what you could never understand is how the Jews missed him but that's what John goes on to say in the very next verse he said he came to his own and his own did not receive him he came to his own people did you know that literally

you could translate this and I find it quite interesting you could translate this literally he came home and when he came home his own family didn't receive him you could you could translate that he came home all throughout the history of the Jewish people as a matter of fact the rabbis themselves you know the rabbis have a statement in any rabbinic literature you find if you open up the Talmud which is a compilation of all the rabbinic writings throughout all the centuries at the very introductory part of the Talmud it says this the rabbis have written that the world was created for the Messiah so these guys had a messianic ideal they had a messianic concept they had a an expectation of the Messiah but amazingly when he came home to his own family they did not receive him and this is

really inexcusable because there was a portrait that had already been painted I mean in a sense it was like God had in advance given them a portrait this is the guy right here check it out when you see him he's the one because that's what prophecy is really it's a it's a portrait in advance and when you think about what was given to Israel they knew that the Messiah would be a descendant of David they knew that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem they actually knew if they studied hard enough and many of them did they actually knew the very day of the Messiah's arrival because back in the prophecy of Daniel it was declared that it would be 173,880 days from the day a decree went forth to restore and rebuild Jerusalem and that decree was given by King Artaxerxes of Persia to Nehemiah

and approximately 445 BC some people say March 14th was the actual date might have been so from that date all you had to do was count ahead 173,880 days and you come to the very date of the Messiah's arrival and amazingly that is the day that Jesus entered Jerusalem on that little cult that we were talking about earlier Daniel had made it clear that the Messiah would come that he would be cut off and the term the Hebrew term that he used speaks of being murdered put to death and that all of this would occur before the temple was destroyed now the temple was destroyed in 70 AD so all of these things had to have occurred before 70 AD as a matter of fact amazingly at the time that Jesus came there was not only a Jewish expectation for a Messiah but even among non-Jewish authors and

historians there was the idea that a ruler would rise out of Judah to rule the world you can find it in secular literature of the time so there was in those days not only amongst the Jews but amongst their neighbors as well there was a messianic expectation but Jesus didn't it wasn't only that he was a descendant of David and born in Bethlehem and and met the those exact dates and so forth but he did the very things that the Messiah would do he went around doing the very things that would mark the messianic age and you know that he gave hearing to the deaf and the ability to speak to those who were mute he gave sight to the blind and the lame were leaping for joy all of these things were things that the prophets had said the Messiah would do you know later in this gospel we're going to

read the story of Jesus healing a man who was born blind and and when we read that story you're going to see there is this intense opposition from the religious leaders and an absolute refusal to believe this guy was blind from birth they refused to believe that to the point that they finally tracked down his parents and say is this your son he says he was born blind we don't believe it they said this is our son and he was born blind you know why they were so resistant to it because they themselves taught that only the Messiah could give sight to someone who was born blind so you see he came to his own he came home and yet he was rejected his own people did not receive him but here's the hinge but this did not thwart the Messiah's work you know there's an interesting prophecy in Isaiah 49

and it's actually a a description of what the Lord himself experienced in his being rejected by his people and God's response to that listen to what it says in Isaiah 49 verses 1 through 6 listen O coastlands to me and take heed you peoples from afar the Lord has called me from the womb from the matrix of my mother he has made mention of my name he has made my mouth like a sharp sword in the shadow of his hand he has hidden me and made me a polished shaft in his quiver he has hidden me and he said to me you are my servant O Israel in whom I will be glorified then I said I have labored in vain I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain yet surely my just reward is with the Lord and my work is with my God and now the Lord says who formed me from the womb to be his servant listen to

bring Jacob back to him so that Israel is gathered to him for I shall be glorious in the eyes of the Lord and my God shall be my strength indeed he says it is too small a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel I will also give you as a light to the Gentiles that you should be my salvation to the ends of the earth now remember that in light of verse 13 he came to his own and his own did not receive him the Lord said through the prophet Isaiah I have labored in vain I have spent my strength for nothing you see there was that sense with the Lord himself that because of that rejection by Israel that his mission had failed but then he encourages himself yet my work is with the Lord and then God goes on to promise him

you're not only ultimately going to restore Jacob and bring back Israel but I am going to give you as a light to the Gentiles you're going to be my salvation to the ends of the earth and so he came to his own his own did not receive him but as many as would receive him as many is a reference to everybody outside of Israel the Gentile nations God has now extended because of Israel's rejection of their Messiah God extends the salvation out to the ends of the earth and so John tells us that even though he was not received by the very ones that should have recognized him when he came that as many as would receive him to them he would give the right to become the children of God you know I don't know if you've ever thought about this I have thought about it and I don't know if it's even worth

thinking about it but I've often wondered what would have happened had Israel received the Lord because of course we know that Jesus had to die the whole redemptive plan was contingent upon his death and we

know of course from history that it was the rejection of Jesus by Israel that led to his death they rejected him and they had him crucified by the Romans but I thought well what what if the Lord would have been received by Israel what would have happened then you know what I think would have happened he would have been embraced by Israel they would have hailed him as their king the the Messiah is here the son of David is here and now the kingdom is coming and the Romans would have swooped in and arrested him and they would have taken him and crucified him for an insurrection against

Rome you see either way the crucifixion was inevitable but it didn't happen that way did it so that's why I said I don't even know if I should mention it but sometimes it's fun to just think about some of these things so John says as many as received him to them he gave the right the authority or the power can be translated any one of those three ways to become the children of God now take note of that you see it's a mistaken notion to think that all people are God's children that's not a biblical idea all people are God's creatures every person of course is created by God God is the creator of all men but he's the father only of those who received Jesus Christ so you see a person who hasn't received Christ is not a child of God Jesus is the only one that can give the right or the

authority or the power for a person to become a child of God why because he is the only unique son of God and sonship or that relationship can only be imparted through him nobody else can impart it it's impossible so when you hear people make reference to you know maybe people of another faith as well of course they're God's children and then with this group they're God's children and and we're all God's children it's not a biblical idea it's as a matter of fact it's contrary to the Bible the Bible tells us in Ephesians chapter 2 that our natural state is a state of condemnation that we are actually by nature the children of wrath we come into this world in sin and under the judgment of God I have to be born out of that state that's I have to be born again of course Jesus will say that

clearly when we get to the third chapter but that's what John's talking about right here so as many as received him to them he gave the right to become the children of God even to those who believe in his name and now he defines that verse 13 who were born not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man but of God so a person who is a child of God is a person who has been born of God and John spells it out very clearly that this cannot happen through any human effort nothing there's no human contribution to it whatsoever born not of blood it's not passed down through the bloodline what's passed down through the bloodline is sin and condemnation it's not passed down through the bloodline it doesn't matter if your parents are devout Christians it doesn't matter if you're go

back generations in your family it doesn't matter if you had uncles and relatives that were in the ministry none of those things matter someone has said God has no grandchildren you come straight in you can't get in on the coattails of somebody else not born of blood nor of the will of the flesh determination will not produce the life of God you can be so determined I am going to be spiritual I'm going to be holy I am going to live that right life so I can come before God someday and say here I am I succeeded it'll never happen it's an impossibility I don't know if you've ever tried to do that before but I have and it just doesn't work you put your best effort forward and you might do okay for a brief period of time and for that brief period of time you might fool yourself into thinking I

can do this it's gonna be alright but it won't take long before you realize it's an impossibility because of course we have this problem we have this in nature we have this darkness that's in us and our inclination is to go in that direction so it's not of blood nor is it of the will of the flesh it's it's not do any thing that I can perform anything that I can do nor is it finally of the will of man no man no person can make anyone else a

Christian when I was I don't know to 18 months I don't remember exactly how old I was at the time but they took me down to the church and they tried to make me a Christian they got out the water and they dripped it on my head and I understand that my original sin was taken away and I was a Christian at least that's what I was told well you know the

further along I got in on in life the more I realized that it didn't work it didn't take because I was not a Christian by any stretch of the imagination and I know I'm sure that priest who did that for me was sincere he probably was very sincere and baptizing me and thinking that he was cleansing me from my original sin and making me a Christian but it doesn't work that way it's not through the will of man it's not through membership in a church sometimes you ask people are you a Christian sure I'm a Christian I belong to such-and-such a church well that doesn't necessarily mean you're a some people say yeah I'm a Christian Billy Graham made me one I've even heard people say Chuck Smith made me a Christian I've heard people say that to Chuck Chuck you made me a Christian Chuck says oh I

hope not if I did you're in bad bad shape you know people say this and sometimes of course they just don't realize what they're saying I remember one time Chuck and I were walking through the parking lot at Corona Del Mar after a baptism and one guy comes up and he and he literally said he said Chuck you're a hell of a pastor he said you're the one who saved me and I remember Chuck's reaction you know as we got in the car he was just sort of laughing you know there's no man that can make you a Christian only God can do it and that's what that's what we're told here they're born not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man but they are born of God born of God it's a supernatural thing God himself he is the one who gives us new life how does it happen notice as many as

received him to them he gave the power it happens by receiving Christ this is such an important thing I and I know many others I believed in Jesus I think probably my entire life I grew up in a Roman Catholic home somewhat nominal but I went to Catholic school as a kid for a few years and and for some years I was forced to go to church on Sunday and you know just go through the whole routine and although I didn't like it and I didn't necessarily buy into any of it I was of course just busy being a kid but I'll tell you this I always believed in Jesus I believed he was the Son of God I didn't have any problem with that theologically I remember when I was a boy I'd watch some of those movies you know that they would come out with about Jesus and I would be very moved by that but I never

heard of the idea of receiving Christ and so I can look back and I can say you know I believed in Jesus in the sense I believe he was a historical figure I believe he was a son of God I believe he died on a cross to save people from their sin I believed all of that but it had no effect on me whatsoever it did not do one thing for me because it was never made personal you see I'd never received him and I think there are so many people still around today in that exact same situation and you might even come across them and they will tell you well I believe in Jesus ask him this have you received him because to as many as received him to them he gave the power to become the children of God you see because it's not a matter of just acknowledging Jesus's existence in history it's not even a

matter of acknowledging that he was the son of God you might believe all of that you know there's such a thing a term it's the term is dead orthodoxy and the idea behind it is that you believe all the right things but you have no experience of it you're dead and there are people who believe all the right stuff but they've never had it applied to their own life and so they're dead they're not alive spiritually they're not children of God the power hasn't been imparted to them because they haven't personally received Christ see that's the thing the only human component in salvation is you personally receiving Christ you exercising your will

to say Lord I want you to be my Lord you see it's not anything less than that if you can say Jesus is my Lord then you're saved if you can't say he's my

Lord you might even say well he's the Lord but is it your Lord you see when you receive him then you say he's my Lord because I've received him and that's how this miracle takes place it takes place by receiving Christ by inviting him into our lives sometimes people say hey where do you find the sinner's prayer in the Bible you don't find it in the Bible the sinner's prayer is something that has been developed in relatively recent times to help people through you know some steps to make that connection with the Lord sometimes a connection is made because the prayer is said in absolute sincerity other times the prayer is just rattled off and nothing happens because there was no genuine desire behind it but of course you don't even have to say the prayer I've talked to so many people who

have come to me and said I need to get saved meaning I need to say that prayer and in the course of talking to him I say you're saved already don't worry about it I will say the prayer for to make you feel better but I'm telling you you're saved you can sense it you can see they describe what's going on in their life and you you're there you say hey you're already there because it's a matter of the heart I receive Christ I give him the authority over my life I invite him to come in and you see when I'm inviting Jesus to come in what I'm basically doing is saying Lord you're in charge here's the keys I'm resigning as the landlord here and I'm giving you charge of my life and when a person does that they are born of God and that new life is then theirs and then at that instant you become a

child of God oh you're a child of God and in your heart you cry out Abba Father and now you sense that oh God is with me and you his love is shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Spirit and you know that he's there to protect you and provide for you and all those things that come with that and all of this of course has come to us because the word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we'll get back into that 14th verse once again in our study next week but as we close tonight if you haven't received Christ yourself personally maybe you're somehow trusting that through your parents or your wife or your husband or your girlfriend or your boyfriend or some person your connection with them is going to get you in the door it's not you need to personally receive Christ and over in the prayer

room tonight that room right back over there that door is going to be open after the service and they're going to be a few people in there and if you haven't received the Lord make your way over there they want to pray with you and lead you in a prayer and give you a Bible and encourage you to follow through and to walk with the Lord

Audio: <https://sermonindex1.b-cdn.net/11/SID11257.mp3>

Source: <https://sermonindex.net/speakers/brian-brodersen/john-as-many-as-received-him/>

Grow in Your Walk with Christ

Listen and read messages that will stir your heart for Christ and point you to deeper repentance and devotion.

- 50,000+ Sermons from speakers past and present
- 3,900+ Classic Christian Books freely readable online
- 1,200+ Bible Translations and Commentaries
- Over 450k forum posts — Join our vibrant online Christian forum

www.sermonindex.net