# Humanity's Crown

Behold and Become

## The CROWN

#### He Was

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1 (NLT2)

#### He Came

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. John 1:14 (NLT2)

## John the Baptist

God sent a man, John the Baptist, to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. John 1:6-9 (NLT2)

# **Revelation Beyond Information**

- John's first act was to acknowledge Jesus
  - When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. Luke 1:44
- John the Baptist's life purpose was to tell about the light not to be the light

# The Way to Become Children of God

- He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. John 1:10 (NLT2)
- He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. John 1:11 (NLT2)
- But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12 (NLT2)

## Supernatural Rebirth

They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. John 1:13 (NLT2)

#### Glorious

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## John the Baptist's Testimony

John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me."" John 1:15 (NLT2)

#### **Gracious Blessings**

From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. John 1:16-17 (NLT2)

#### Jesus Reveals God

No one has ever seen God. But the one and only Son is himself God and is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us. John 1:18 (NLT2)

## Consider

- Have you believed and accepted Jesus?
- Have you experienced the many blessings of grace in Christ?
- Have you received the revelation of God made possible through Jesus?

# Christ the Crown of Humanity

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