

Calvary Chapel of Greene – Greek New Testament (GNT) Study Helps

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John 1:4-27

How To Use This Study Help:

See December 30, 2007 GNTSH or <http://www.calvaryofgreene.com>

Comprehend – John 1:5; **καταλαμβάνω** (katalambano): lay hold of, seize, overtake, apprehend, comprehend. Literally ‘hold down’; overwhelm. Mark 9:18, ‘and wherever it overcomes him, it makes him thrash’; John 1:5, ‘and the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness (skotia) did not overwhelm it’; 8:3, ‘and the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery’; 4, ‘Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery’; 12:35, ‘walk while you have the light, lest darkness (skotia as in 1:5) overtakes (overwhelms) you’; Acts 4:13, ‘Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived (grasped with their minds) that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marvelled’; 10:34, ‘Then Peter opened his mouth and said, In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality’.

World – John 1:10; **κόσμος** (kosmos): order, adornment, the world as an ordered system. 186 times in the Greek New Testament, 78 times in John. A significant verse for understanding **κόσμος** (kosmos) in John is John 18:20, ‘I with openness spoke to the world (kosmos). I always taught in (the) synagogues and in the temple where the Jews always meet, and in secret I said nothing’. Kosmos in John is the world of the synagogue and temple. It is the ordered system of the Jews, looking forward to the time when non-Jews would be included as recipients of the salvation provided by our Lord (Ephesians 2:11-16, 3:3-6).

Dwelt – John 1:14; **σκηνόω** (skaynoo): set up a tent, dwell, stay (in a tent). Revelation 7:15; 12:12; 13:6; 21:3, ‘the tabernacle (tent) of God is with men, and He shall dwell with them’. Genesis 13:12, ‘Lot...pitched his tent in Sodom.

The only (begotten) – John 1:14, 18; **μονογενής** (monogenays): only kind, only one of a kind, unique; Luke 7:12, ‘a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother’; 8:42, ‘for he had an only daughter about 12 years of age’; 9:38, ‘Teacher, I beg you, look on my son, for he is my only [child]’; John 1:14, see below; 1:18, ‘No one as seen God at any time. The only (unique) Son, who is in the bosom of the Father has declared Him’; 3:16, ‘For In this manner God loved the world, that He gave His only Son, in order that everyone believing in Him should not perish but should have life eternal’; 3:18, ‘The one believing in Him is not being judged; but the one not believing has already been judged, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God’; Hebrews 11:17, ‘by faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his unique one (i.e. Isaac; not his ‘only son’ or ‘only son born to him’, since he had other children. Isaac was unique in purpose. The word **μονογενής** emphasizes the uniqueness of purpose rather than just indicating a single person or child); I John 4:9, ‘In this the love of God was made apparent among us, that God sent His only (unique) Son into the world in order that we might live through Him’.*

And the Word became flesh and set up His tent among us, and we beheld the glory of Him, glory as of a unique one from (the) Father, full of grace and truth. **Gospel According to John 1:14**

Καὶ ὁ Λόγος σὰρξ ἐγένετο καὶ ἐσκήνωσεν ἐν ἡμῖν, καὶ ἐθεασάμεθα τὴν δόξαν αὐτοῦ, δόξαν ὡς μονογενοῦς παρὰ πατρός, πλήρης χάριτος καὶ ἀληθείας. **ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ ΚΑΤΑ ΙΩΑΝΝΗΝ 1:14**
