

## **Jn 1:1-18: The prologue**

- Prolegomena: A standard Greek literary form, in which a work is introduced by stating its purpose and goals, and identifying important concepts and themes.
- Vs 1 and 18 frame the prologue, showing:
  - The uniqueness of the Word (explains the Father)
  - His function as the one who reveals the Father
- Content is prolegomena: Concepts that will be developed throughout the narrative:
  - The Logos
  - Rejection of Christ
  - Children of God
  - Light
  - Darkness
  - Life
  - Witness (explains the Father)
  - Glory
  - Law
  - Grace vs. law
- Deeper structure in John
  - Organized around the Jewish feasts
  - Replacement themes
  - The “I Am” statements
  - Central thread of faith in Jesus that runs throughout the Gospel