

## Notes

The opening chapter of John's gospel is very similar to the opening of

\_\_\_\_\_ chapter 1.

God is telling a story, and \_\_\_\_\_, though real and good, is nevertheless part of the story and part of the means of telling the story.

\_\_\_\_\_ is the goal of all creation. The glory of God in creation \_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_ the manifestation of God's glory in the \_\_\_\_\_ when the Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

God created the world in order that Jesus might come \_\_\_\_\_.

All of God's creation from the starry heavens, to the tree planted by streams of water; to \_\_\_\_\_ itself; to \_\_\_\_\_, all were made to proclaim to us Jesus.

Jesus' coming served to separate between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in a spiritual sense, just as original creation divided between light and darkness.

"The pre-existent Word of God has become flesh and so is \_\_\_\_\_ to ordinary human experience." (M. Coloe)

God made the world this way so that we might \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

It is the incarnation (Jesus coming as a man) that makes possible for us to know love, truth, righteousness, and all the other characteristics of God, because it is

only through \_\_\_\_\_ that we know God. God shows us all these things, through the world, in a dim image so that we might recognize the real thing when it comes.

In the beginning, God said, "Let there be light and there was light," He separated the light from the darkness, and what He did then, He does now in a greater way.

\_\_\_\_\_ has come!