The Divine Word, the New Creation, and False Faith:
An Outline of John 1–2

I. The Divine Word Become Flesh (1:1–18)

A. 1:1 – The Word
1. Eternal Generation
2. Supreme Revelation

B. 1:1–5: The Divine Word
1. Eternal (1:1a: “In the beginning was the Word”)
2. Distinct (1:1b: “and the Word was with God”)
3. Consubstantial (1:1c–2: “and the Word was God”)
4. The Creator (1:3: “All things came into being through Him”)
5. The Fountain of Life (1:4a: “In Him was life”)
6. The Light of Men (1:4b: “and the life was the Light of men”)
7. The Victor (1:5: “and the darkness did not overtake it”)

C. 1:6–8: The Word and His Witness
1. The Humanity of the Witness (v. 6a: “There came a man”)
2. The Commission of the Witness (v. 6b: “sent from God”)
3. The Dignity of the Witness (v. 6c: “whose name was John”)
4. The Work of the Witness (v. 7a: “He came for a witness”)
5. The Theme of the Witness (v. 7b: “to testify about the Light”)
6. The Purpose of the Witness (v. 7c: “so that all might believe through him”)
7. The Negation of the Witness (v. 8: “He was not the Light”)

D. 1:9–13: The Word in His World
1. The True Light (v. 9)
2. The Blind World (vv. 10–11)
3. The Believing Children (vv. 12–13)

E. 1:14: The Incarnate Word
1. The Subject of the Incarnation (“The Word”)
2. The Substance of the Incarnation (“became flesh”)
3. The Sweetness of the Incarnation (“and dwelt among us”)
4. The Splendor of the Incarnation (“and we saw His glory”)
5. The Son of the Incarnation (“glory as of the only begotten from the Father”)
6. The Savor of the Incarnation (“full of grace and truth”)
7. The Supply of the Incarnation (“of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace”)

F. 1:15–18: The Excellent Word

1. He Surpasses the Greatest Man who Ever Lived (v. 15: "He…has a higher rank than I")
2. He Supplies the Grace Sufficient for Every Sinner (v. 16: "…grace upon grace")
3. He Supersedes the Glorious Mediator of the Old Covenant (v. 17: "…grace and truth…")
4. He Shows the Glory of the Unseen Father (v. 18: "He has explained Him")

II. New Creation Week (1:19–2:11)

A. Day One (1:19–28) – "Not Me, but Him!" Testifying Faithfully to Jesus

1. The Deflection of Glory (vv. 19–23)
2. The Ascription of Glory (vv. 23–28)

B. Day Two (1:29–34) – King, Messiah, and Son: The Christ who is Worthy of Our Praise

1. The Lamb of God (v. 29)
2. The Superior King (v. 30)
3. The Anointed Messiah (vv. 31–33)
4. The Son of God (v. 34)

C. Days Three to Five (1:35–51) – The One Worth Following

1. The *Telos* of Our Ministry (vv. 35–37)
2. The Accessible Savior (vv. 38–39)
3. The Substance of Our Proclamation (vv. 40–42a)
4. The Lord of Our Identity (v. 42b)
5. The Seeker of Our Souls (v. 43)
6. The Fulfillment of the Scriptures (vv. 44–45)
7. The Knower of Our Hearts (vv. 46–49)
8. The Revealer of Divine Glory (v. 50)
9. The Mediator between Heaven and Earth (v. 51)

D. Day Seven (2:1–11) – Water into Wine: The Glory of the New Creation

1. The Setting (vv. 1–2: "On the third day there was a wedding")
2. The Problem (v. 3a: "When the wine ran out")
3. The Supplication (v. 3b: "They have no wine")
4. The Rebuke (v. 4: "What does that have to do with us?")
5. The Perseverance (v. 5: "Whatever He says to you, do it.")
6. The Miracle (vv. 6–10: "…the water which had become wine…")
7. The Glory (v. 11: "and manifested His glory")

III. False Worship and False Faith (2:12–25)

A. 2:12–22: Zeal for God's House: The Lord Cleanses the Temple

1. The Prelude to Reformation (vv. 12–13)
2. The Purging of the Temple (vv. 14–17)
    a. The Corruptions He Confronted ("selling…, moneychangers")
    b. The Chastening He Inflicted ("He made a scourge…, and overturned their tables")
    c. The Constraint He Showed ("He said, 'Take these things away'")
    d. The Condemnation He Proclaimed ("Stop making My Father's house a place of business")
    e. The Cross-Reference the Disciples Remembered ("Zeal for your house…")
3. The Prophecy of the Sign (vv. 18–22: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.")

B. 2:23–25: All-Knowing Yet Distrusting: The Savior Confronts Spurious Faith

1. The Glory of Jesus' Omniscience (vv. 24b–25)
2. The Grief of Spurious Faith (vv. 23–24a)