To begin our study of the first letter of John, we look at how John deals with the idea that Christ came in the flesh. Our topic, in other words, is the human nature of Christ.

Christ Manifest In the Flesh

One of John's strong points is that Jesus was a real human being. John is proclaiming a Christ whom he had "beheld" -looked intently upon. Not only had he seen him, but he had personally heard and even handled Christ (1Jn 1:1-3).

Later, in chapter 4:1-3, he says that any person who does not confess that "Jesus Christ has come in the flesh" is not from God and is "antichrist" (See also 2Jn 1:7).