



THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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“What was from the beginning, what we have **heard**, what we have **seen** with our eyes, what we have **looked at** and **touched** with our hands, concerning the Word of Life....**what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you....**” 1 John 1:1,3

“This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true.” John 21:24

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“Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed ... but these have been written so **that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**; and that believing you may have life in His name.”

John 20:30-31

“And there are also **many other things which Jesus did**, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even **the world itself would not contain the books** that would be written.” John 21:25

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Note what John says about “the Word”:

- He was “in the beginning” = eternity past
- He was “with God” = a distinct person from God the Father
- He “was God” = the Word is deity = God!
- v.14 “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” = Jesus!

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“Word” = LOGOS = message; something said or communicated

• **To the Greeks:** LOGOS = the organizing principle of the world that gives shape and meaning to things.

Ex: **theology, psychology, biology, zoology**

• **To the Jewish minds:** “the Word of the LORD” - used 242 times in the Old Testament; how God spoke to and communicated with His people; Hosea 1:1 “the word of the LORD came to Hosea”

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“God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son....” Hebrews 1:1-2

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“It should be clear that when John wrote of “the Word”, he was using a term which... Jew and Gentile, would grasp.... just as words are the expression of thoughts, so to call Christ the Word was to regard Him as the communication of the Divine Wisdom, the personal revelation of the truth of God.... not just the communicator, but the communication itself. He did not merely tell God’s truth. He was the truth. (John 14:6).” Homer Kent

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John 1:3 “All things came into being through Him....”

“For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible... all things have been created through Him and for Him.” Colossians 1:16

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"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."
John 14:6

"For God, who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." II Corinthians 4:6

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The world's response to the "Light":

- v.5 "the darkness did not comprehend it"
- v.10 "the world did not know Him"
- v.11 "His own did not receive Him"

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John 1:12 = the exception open to us!

"BUT as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name."

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"For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ." John 1:17

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v. 21 "Are you Elijah? Are you the Prophet?"

- "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not smite the land with a curse." Malachi 4:5-6
- "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you...you shall listen to him.... I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him." Deut. 18:15,18

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v. 23 "I am a voice"

"A voice is calling, 'Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God'." Isaiah 40:3

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“...this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.... This is the Son of God!”

John 1:33-34

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The decision we must each make:

“BUT as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.”

John 1:12

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