

# THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

## CHAPTER 1:1-5

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“Jesus Christ -  
The Word Made Flesh”**

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**John 1:12**

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**&**

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## It's Been Said

That if you get Four Jews Together, You're Sure to Have at least  
Five Opinions...

## The Integrity of the Four Gospels !

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**2 Peter 1:17-21**

For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And

we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. 19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

## **The Gospel (or Evangel, Good News)**

Is One Message that has been given to us from 4 different vantage points or vistas - yet in perfect agreement !!!

## **The Four Gospel Authors are in Complete Unity**

As to the events and statements of Christ and His Life

God in His infinite wisdom has both determined and supplied for us four distinct revelations to the Gospel

### **John's Purpose for Writing**

*The Apostle John has one key Truth that he is most intent to communicate, And it is that Jesus Christ is God come to Earth draped in Humanity to Relate to man God's Salvation...*

## **A Unique Salvation / An Exclusive Salvation**

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*Matthew, Mark, and Luke*

Reveal Events of Jesus' Actions and Teaching

## *But It is John's Gospel*

That Reveals Theological Truths and Revelations Unlike  
the Others

Known as the Grand Marquee of the Gospels,  
It has been the most written about and estimated to be the most studied  
about of all the gospels

### **This Same John Writes:**

#### Revelation 4:6-7

Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were **four living creatures** full of eyes in front and in back. 7 The first living creature was like **a lion**, the second living creature like **a calf**, the third living creature had a face like **a man**, and the fourth living creature was like **a flying eagle**.

## **This Witness is Represented**

Via the Angels before the Throne Reflect This Four Faceted Revelation of Jesus Christ's  
Ministry

#### **Deuteronomy 19:15**

for at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses,  
shall the matter be established.

Matthew's Gospel (the Jew in mind)  
the face of a lion / His kingship!

#### **Matthew 21:4-5**

All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 5  
**"Tell ye the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King** is coming to you, lowly, and sitting  
on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey."

#### **Revelation 5:5**

"...Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed..."

Mark's Gospel (the roman in mind)  
The face of a calf / His servanthood

#### **Mark 9:35**

And when He had sat down, He called the twelve, and said to them,  
"If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all."

Luke's Gospel (the gentile in mind)  
The face of a man / His humanity

**Luke 12:8**

"Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him  
**the Son of Man** also will confess before the angels of God.

**1 Timothy 2:5**

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

John's Gospel (the world in mind)  
The face of an eagle / His deity

**John 8:24**

"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that **I am**  
He, you will die in your sins."

**John 8:58**

Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM.**"

**"The Gospel"**

Is one message that has been given to us from 4 different vantage points

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**John 21:25**

And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

***7 Characteristics of Jesus are Given In Chapter 1***

**#1**

**The Word**

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

**#2**

## **The Light**

John 1:4-5

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness...

**#3**

## **The Son of God**

John 1:34

"And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

**#4**

## **The Lamb**

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

**#5**

## **The Messiah**

John 1:41

"We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ).

**#6**

## **The King**

John 1:49

You are the King of Israel!"

**#7**

## **The Son of Man**

John 1:51

hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

# **THE TEXT**

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

In the beginning was **the Word**,  
and **the Word** was with God, and **the Word** was God.

In the beginning was **the Word**

## John 1:1 Antedates Physical Creation

### Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- Beginning Grk 746 arche (ar-khay');  
prior to a commencement, or before the time, place, or rank

## This “**In The Beginning**” Precedes the “In the Beginning” of Genesis 1:1

*Before the Physical, Created Universe Existed – Even Before the Angelic Hosts  
were Created – Jesus Existed with the Father and Holy Spirit in Eternity*

## There Has Always Been Communion Between The Father and The Son and Spirit “**Was the Word**”

**The Word is as Eternal as The Father and as is the Holy Spirit**

### I John 5:7

For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

- Word grk 3056 logos (log'-os);  
the Divine Expression, Jesus Christ the Word  
the communication, the doctrine, the matter, the fact, the mouth,

**I John 1:1-2**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life-- 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us--

**b.) He Possesses an Eternal *Position***

v. 1b

and **the Word** was with God

God grk 2316 theos (theh'-os);  
The supreme Divinity

The “**With**” is the act of Having “**Always Been**”  
**His Position**

**John 17:4-5**

"I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

Note That All Scripture

Points to the fact that Jesus  
**came** here, was **sent** here, **arrived** here was **given** here

**John 3:16**

"For God so loved the world that He **gave** His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

**Galatians 4:4**

But when the fullness of the time had come, God **sent** forth His Son, born of a woman, born

**Isaiah 9:6**

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is **given**

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God, **and the Word was God.**

## and the Word was God

Was grk 2258 en (ane);  
in greek calls out for the definite article that precedes the with.

**The** Word, **The** Word was with God....  
And **The** Word was God... not **(The) or (a)**  
(The) God (violates the Trinity and (a) God violates The Deity

**Both Matthew and Luke's Gospel Begin with Genealogies that trace Jesus' right to the throne of David via the Legal and Genetic lines of His earthly ancestors...**

**...But John Here Introduces us to the Third Genealogy mentioned in the gospels  
– The Genealogy of God. Jesus is not a descendant of God  
But rather is the God who descended.**

### Revelation 22:13

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,  
the First and the Last."

## 2.) Jesus is *The Eternal Purpose*

He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him,  
and without Him nothing was made that was made.

### a.) His Purposes are *Preeminent*

He was in the beginning with God

## The Old King James

John 1:2

The same was in the beginning with God.



What is Stressed by the Apparent Repetition  
is that Jesus, The Word, Never changes...

**Malachi 3:6**

For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore

**Hebrews 13:8**

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

## His One and Only Unique Son

**I John 4:9**

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only **begotten** Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

b.) His Purposes are *Intelligent*

v. 3a

All things were made **through** Him

**Hebrews 11:3**

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

**The Father**

Was the planner

**The Son**

Was the Constructor

**Ephesians 3:9**

and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;

**The Spirit**

Was the Tool

**Genesis 1:2-3**

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

## Absolutely Complete-

and without Him nothing was made that was made.

He Began What Is Now Seen and Known(ing)

### Psalm 136:5

By His understanding He made the heavens

### Colossians 1:15-17

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

## *That's Why and How*

He could still the storms / heal the sick / forgive sin

In Him was **life**, and **the life** was **the light** of men. 5 And **the light** shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Why Did Jesus Come to The Earth  
When it Apparently Already Had Life?

Because it didn't have  
"Real Life" \*

### Ephesians 2:1-5

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

a.) He is Life's *Architect*

v. 4a

In Him was life

### The "In Him"

**Means That All Life, The Living, Spiritual & Physical  
All Life Resides in Him and is Maintained in Him**

Life grk 2222 zoe (dzo-ay');  
the Living of Real Life

### John 10:10

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

### I John 5:12

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

**That's Why It Is Such a Violation  
to Neglect the Obvious, That He is The Architect**

**He is the One that Engineered Life**

b.) He is Life's *Design*

v. 4b

and the life was the light of men.

# Life without Enlightenment or Understanding is a Great Waste

Every Human That Has Been Granted the Responsibility of Life and  
Knowledge Must Reckon, Deal With, Conclude  
The Reason for Living

This is *en-Light-enment*

## **John 6:35**

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."

## **John 4:10**

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him for a drink, and He would have given you living water."

c.) He is Life's *Sanity*

v. 5

And the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not comprehend it.

# Children Are Naturally Afraid of the Dark

And is a good thing

## **John 8:12**

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

## **John 9:5**

"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

# A Must-Read Passage

## **Matthew 4:13-17**

And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: 16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." 17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

## **John 17:1-3**

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 "as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

the darkness did not **comprehend** it

(Cannot Grasp It - Harm It - Overcome it - Waste it)

## Darkness Here Speaks of Evil Which Leads to Insanity

**Insanity - is a Mind/Soul without God**

## **Romans 1:28**

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

## **Romans 1:20-21**

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

**John 3:19-20**

- 19 "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.  
20 "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

## Darkness is Easily Dispelled

In fact, the darker the room the greater the light appears  
Stars Shine Their Brightest against the Darkest Night Sky

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.