

The Word

John 1:1-5

Introduction: Christianity is about Jesus. Our doctrine, traditions, and beliefs all are a product of our recognition of Jesus and his identity. John opens his gospel with an introduction to Jesus true identity.

In the beginning was the Word, **HE IS ETERNAL**

- A. "Beginning" Genesis "in the beginning" is creation, 1 John 1 "beginning" is Jesus' ministry.
Gospel of John "beginning" is before time began.
John follows the outline of Genesis: Beginning with God and man together, Flood and cleansing Temple in Jn 2, Abraham in Jn 8, Jacob's struggle and Garden of Gethsemane and Trial, Joseph and crucifixion (Gen. 50:20)
- B. The Word, Greek Logos
Strong contrast to gnostic/near east forms of truth and knowledge
Words communicate, Jesus is God communicating with us.
- C. Jesus is eternal
John 8:58 Before Abraham..., Colossians 1:17 He is before all things..., 1 Peter 1:20 before foundation

and the Word was with God, **PART OF GODHEAD**

- A. Unique doctrine/Impossible to explain
Acts 17:29 Divine nature is not by man's devising, Romans 1:20 we are w/o excuse,
Colossians 2:9 In him dwells all the fulness of the godhead bodily
- B. Seen in Matthew 3 (Baptism), Mt. 28:18-20

and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. **HE IS GOD**

- A. Jesus is Divine
False doctrines: a god, one of the gods
- B. He is God
Philippians 2:6-8, Revelation 1:17-18, Hebrews 1:1-3

3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. **HE IS CREATOR**

- A. Role of Godhead: God said it, Spirit shaped it, Jesus made it
Genesis 1:2, Hebrews 1:2, Colossians 1:16 all things made through him
- B. Jesus rules over it
Miracles (signs) in John: water to wine, nobleman's son, paralyzed man, feed 5,000, walk on water, make blind man, raise Lazarus

4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. **HE IS LIFE**

- A. He gives life
John 10:10 Abundant life, purpose for living.
False alternatives: Nicodemus: self reasoning
Pharisees: Power
Pilate: convenience

5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. **HE IS LIGHT**

- A. Darkness is the absence of light
Can not coexist, cannot understand it.
Cannot guide, that's why people are lost.
- B. Jesus is the light of the world: life, warmth, guidance
WE NEED JESUS