

In the Beginning Was the Word...

John 1:1-5

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The Apostle John is the author of this Gospel account. He also authored the three epistles of John and The Revelation. John was one the three disciples, along with Peter and James, his brother, who were allowed to see things the other disciples didn't (the raising of Jairus' daughter, the transfiguration, they were singled out in the Garden of Gethsemane).

John's Purpose – (John 20:30-31) ³⁰Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but **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's Prologue introduces key themes to be developed in throughout the rest of the Gospel Account (life, light, darkness, belief and unbelief)

Structure: Introduction to the Word

The Preexistent Glory of the Word (1:1-2)

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He (lit. "This One") [the Word] was in the beginning with God.

The Power of the Word – Creator of All Things (1:3)

All things came into being through Him, [the Word]
and apart from Him
no thing/nothing came into being
that has come into being.

The Word as the Source of Life and Light (1:4-5)

In Him was life,
and the life was the light of men.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not
comprehend/overcome it.

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"In the beginning"

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

1John 1:1

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—

“life” – physical (creation) and spiritual

John 11:25-26

25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

1John 5:11-13

John 20:31

“light” and “darkness”

John 3:19-21

19 “This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. 20 “For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. 21 “But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

John 8:12; 12:46

1John 1:5-7

‘comprehend it or overcome it’

John 12:35

Application:

Be in awe of who God is and how He has revealed Himself through Jesus Christ for our salvation.

Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. (John 20:31)