

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God

John 1:1-14 In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made **by him**; and **without him** was not any thing made that was made. 4 **In him** was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that **all men through him might believe**. 8 He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. 9 *That* was the true Light, which **lighteth every man** that cometh into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made **by him**, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the **Word** was made flesh, and dwelt among us,

(and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

- Matthew presents Jesus as the Son of David, the Heir to Israel's throne, the Jewish Messiah, the King of the Jews
- Mark presents Jesus as God's servant
- Luke shows us Christ's humanity and Jesus is the perfect Man
- John presents us Jesus as God in human flesh. He is the Heavenly One come down to earth, the eternal Son of God living among us
- The central doctrine of the book of John is that Jesus is God. If a person does not believe that then they cannot be saved
- Listen and consider every word to know that you know God and to know Him better
- Be willing to admit your need of salvation if what has happened to you is not what the Scriptures are plainly describing
- Christmastime is not the coming of Jesus or the birth of Christ. He already existed. It is just the time that He put on human flesh and came to live among us
- See Jesus as bigger than you have ever seen Him before

- He is God in human flesh

1. Jesus Christ the Son of God. He is God [John 20:31](#) But these are written, that ye might believe that **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**; and that believing ye might have life through his name. [1](#) In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God. [2](#) The same was in the beginning with God.
 - a. Jesus Christ is eternal and preexistent [1](#) In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God.
 - i. He was in the beginning or when it all started He was already there
 - ii. Jesus is before all creation and uncreated
 - iii. He existed with the Father before anything else
[John 17:5](#) And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.
 - iv. To make sure you got it clear He states that He **WAS with** God in the beginning [8:58](#) Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

v. The Word was God **1** In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God. **Philippians 2:6-8** Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: **7** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: **8** And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

vi. Not only was He God but He was with or in intimate fellowship with God

1. The word with shows us that Jesus Christ, the Word was a separate person

2. He is God but He is "with" or separate

vii. Jesus is God. He is before everything else. He is the beginning and the end **Revelation 1:18** I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

b. Not only was He in the beginning but He created all things **3** All things were made **by him**; and **without him** was not any thing made that was made. **Colossians 1:16** For

by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: **Hebrews 1:2** Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

- i. Creating is the power of God
 - ii. Creating indicates that He was there before it all
 - iii. He is the preexistent God
- c. Life was in the Word, Christ, the Son of God **4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.**
- i. He did not need anyone or anything else to exist
 - ii. He did not need to be created
 - iii. Life was given to Him it was in Him
 - iv. He is life
 - v. The life in Him is the light of men **I John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**

- vi. Jesus is God and the way to God **14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
- d. The preexistent Christ becomes flesh. **14** And the **Word** was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
 - i. God came to dwell with man **Matthew 1:23** Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
 - ii. **John 14:8-11** Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. **9** Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet **hast thou not known me, Philip?** he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father? **10** **Believest thou not** that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. **11** Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the

very works' sake.

2. God sent John as a witness **6** There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. **7** The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that **all men through him might believe.** **8** He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. **9** *That* was the true Light, which **lighteth every man** that cometh into the world.
 - a. This light and these truths were for everyone **7** The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that **all men through him might believe.** **9** *That* was the true Light, which **lighteth every man** that cometh into the world.
 - i. He is the Savior of the whole world **I Timothy 4:10** For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.
 - ii. He bore the penalty for not only our sins **I John 2:2** And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.
 - iii. However not all will be saved as you see here even His own rejected Him

- b. God sent John to bear witness [Matthew 3:3](#) For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
- c. John had an unusual birth [Luke 1:7](#) And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were *now* well stricken in years. [36-37](#) And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. [37](#) For with God nothing shall be impossible.
- d. An angel had come. Everything was very public. God was putting His Mark and stamp on John the Baptist
- e. Zacharias was unable to talk
- f. John warned men to get ready [Mark 1:5](#) And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.
- g. John pointed men to Jesus [1:29](#) The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

3. How did men receive Jesus, the Word, the preexistent Christ? **10** He was in the world, and the world was made **by him**, and the world knew him not. **11** He came unto his own, and his own received him not. **12** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: **13** Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

- a. The world He made did not recognize Him for who He was
- b. They did not receive Him
- c. They rejected Him and His testimony
- d. His own disciples had a hard time believing that He was really who He said He was
 - i. Thomas doubted that He had really risen from the dead
 - ii. The others went fishing
 - iii. They walked the road talking about what might have been
 - iv. They said they wanted to see the Father without realizing that Jesus was the manifestation of the Father
- e. Notice how you are to receive Him **12** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: **13** Which

were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

- i. You do not have the authority to make yourself a son of God
- ii. That means that not everyone is a child of God-we are His creation but not His child
- iii. Salvation is found in believing. What do you have to believe
 1. He is who He said that He is and was
 2. He is not a man but the preexistent God who has now taken on human flesh
 3. That He, Christ, created the world
 4. That He was with God and is God
 5. That He, God the Son, came down to earth to live among us and show us the Father
- iv. Salvation is from God alone **13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**
 1. It doesn't come to you through your blood or genes- so being part of a Christian family doesn't make you a part of the family

2. Blood only brings you the sin and death that Adam brought
3. You can not make yourself a child of God no matter how hard you try
4. No man can make you saved-not your parents, not a pastor, not a priest
5. Salvation is only of God
 - a. You sinned
 - b. He did not sin
 - c. He came to earth to die on the cross and pay your sin debt
 - d. You are helpless, completely without remedy except for Him
 - e. You believe that He is God and has every right to tell you what brings salvation
 - f. You simply believe that He is who He says He is and did what He said He did

- If you are not a believer then now you must believe
- Salvation is not what you do but what you believe

- You must be careful not to accept what men have told you but to look and see if God has done a work in you
- If you are saved how will you know God but through your deep knowledge of Jesus
- He is the Word-that speaks about who God is
- He is the Word that reveals truth
- You can know God but you must know Him through Jesus