

# THE WORD WAS GOD

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Why did the apostle John write the book of John? We are not left in doubt for John supplies the answer in his gospel.

"And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written 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}

Subject under discussion—**Deity of Christ**. John's gospel was written to forcefully show that Jesus was the Son of God. For the next few weeks we want to see how John proves that conclusion.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." {John 1: 1-3}

According to John, the Word was with God in the beginning. What beginning? During the creation. Please read Genesis 1 and 2. This shows His eternal nature.

Who was He with? God. This indicates a special relationship. John 17:20,21; John 7:29.

According to John the Word was God. This means deity. Please read John 5:17,18; 20:28. The same conclusion was preached by the apostles. Philippians 2:5-8.

According to John, this Word had a part in the creation. All things were made through Him.

"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. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist." {Colossians 1:16, 17}

"Has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;" {Hebrews 1: 2} this shows His awesome power.

"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." {John 1:4} He is the source of life. Life is because of Him. Listen as John reinforces this truth:

"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." {John 14:6}

"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 8:12}

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. " {John 1:12,13}

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life." {John 6:63}

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world." {John 6:51}

John told us the Word came in the flesh. "And the Word became 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." {John 1:14}

John has laid a foundation in this book which he builds upon. The gospel that bears his name is filled with claims, eyewitness accounts, testimony given by others, and the works He did while on the earth. Will the evidence support His claims? We will see.\*\*\*