

The WORD of God

GOSPEL OF JOHN SUMMER SERIES

Deut 18:15-18 Hebrews 1:1-4 John 1:1-18

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If you have ever wondered if Jesus was really *God Himself*, then the first three verses of the Gospel of John should *set your mind at rest*. The emphasis in these verses is that Jesus Himself is the One, True, and Only God.

In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was **with God**, and the **Word** was **God**. **He was with God in the beginning**. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. John 1:1-3

The *Divinity* of Jesus is clearly taught to us. These verses teach us that the Son of God is *eternal*; *equal* with God the Father, and that the Creation of the Heavens and the Earth and everything in them was *through* Him. *Jesus is the Son of God!*

In the Gospel of John, Jesus the Creator is now *re-creating* the world: salvation is pictured as a *New Creation* where you are made new and given eternal life because of the work of Christ. Jesus is the *New Adam* who perfectly *obeys* God and brings life and salvation to all men, women, and children! You are set free from the deception of Satan, the sin of Adam and the destruction of death!

This passage also gives to Jesus, the Son of God, an unique title: He is the **Word**. **Jesus the Word**. This is the idea that *Jesus reveals God to us*; just as our words reveal our thoughts. We learn who God the Father is and what He is like from Jesus the Son. **Jesus reveals God the Father to us . . .**

and He does that in two ways: He will *speaks the words* of God the Father; and He will *do the mighty miracles* that the Father gave Him to do. By His Words and His miracles, Jesus reveals the *grace and truth* of the Father in Heaven to us. Jesus is the *Word*, because He **reveals** God to us¹. *Jesus' words are authoritative: we hear, believe and obey them!*

We learn that the *Word of God* became a Man in the person of Jesus Christ.

The **Word** became *flesh* and **dwelt among us**, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

This verse is where we get the word *incarnation* from, a Latin term meaning “*in flesh*”. We use it at Christmas time to understand Who Jesus is: He is God *incarnate*, God *in flesh*, Who was born in Bethlehem. In this passage, Jesus is the *Word*, *God in the flesh*. The Son of God is *flesh and blood*; the Second Person of the Holy Trinity has a *human body* and lives and walks among us.

The Son of God, the Creator of the Heavens and the earth and everything in them, the “*Word*” of God, is a Man: Jesus is both God and Man. Let this passage give you confidence and assurance that Jesus is God Himself!

Jesus is God *in the flesh*; without Him we would never know God the Father nor His gracious love for us, nor the truth of eternal salvation. *Without Christ we are lost in our sin.*

Sin blinds us to the truth of God. We are curved in on ourselves and pursue only sinful desires. We do not know nor believe in the One, True, and only

¹ There are many ways that the Scripture teaches this to us. One way is that Jesus is the Last and Greatest of all the *Prophets*. He not only speaks the Word of God like the prophets before Him, but He is God Himself speaking the very words of God on earth, as a Man! This was prophesied way back in the Exodus days to Moses in Deuteronomy 18:15-18. This helps us to understand Jesus' continual encouragements to hear and obey His Word → for instance, see Luke 11:27-28. Jesus' words are authoritative, and they reveal God to us!

God. Left on our own, we live selfish lives living and dying in the darkness of our guilt. In sin, we cannot know God; nor save ourselves. We even confess that we are *lost and condemned* creatures.

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to us!

So God sent His Son into the world to **reveal** Himself to us. Jesus is the **Word**; He teaches us about God's grace, mercy, and love. Jesus' words speak forgiveness and life. Every miracle that Jesus works reveals the power and compassion of God the Father. Jesus' work of salvation would even take Him to a cross!

⇒ *What great love the Father has lavished on us!* 1 John 3:1

⇒ *God the Father so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son!*
John 3:16

Jesus' death on the cross reconciles you to God the Father! He forgives your sins; and He gives you eternal life.

Jesus, the **Word**, **reveals** God the Father and His grace to us! Jesus, the **Word**, **reveals** God as loving, kind and full of mercy. When you see Jesus, you see God the Father. When you trust in Jesus, you are trusting in God the Father. When you believe Jesus' words, you are believing God the Father's Word.

That is why Jesus is always directing us to hear and believe His Word. Jesus is teaching us about the Father, and His Kingdom, and our life in Him. Later in the Gospel of John, Jesus says that He is *the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through Him.* This is Jesus' way of summarizing what it means to call Him the **Word**.

Jesus teaches us the *way of salvation*. That way is through faith in Him as the Savior of the world. *There is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.* Jesus is the only One who is lived a perfect life and is able to credit that perfect life to you through faith. Jesus is the only One who is able to take your sin and guilt upon Himself and pay the penalty that you deserve. Jesus is the only One who died, and rose from the dead, and lives forevermore. Jesus is the only Savior; He is the only **way** to God the Father

and His Heavenly Kingdom. We hear and believe Jesus' Word because He reveals the *way of salvation* to us.

Jesus teaches us *the truth* as we live in this world of lies and deception. He teaches us the truth about ourselves and our sin. He teaches us the truth about God the Father and His love and kindness to us. He teaches us the truth about holy living as we were created to live. Christ and His Word is truth. Jesus teaches us what is real; He teaches us the important things in life. Even though the world despises Christ and His Word, we have come to know and believe the truth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is why it is so important to hear, study and learn Holy Scripture throughout your life. Find a way to put the Word of God into your everyday routine. Join a Bible Study! Memorize Bible verses! Have daily devotions! **Christ and His Word is truth --> but it does you no good if you have no contact with His Word.** We hear, believe, learn, study, and memorize God's Holy Word because *Jesus reveals the truth of God and His kingdom to us.*

Jesus' words are *life and salvation*. We live in a world of death, decay, and darkness. There is no life to be found in this world; everything dies. God sent His Son Jesus into the world to speak *words of life* that actually give us eternal life. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the proof that Jesus is the One ,True, and Only God who can give us eternal life. **Because He lives, you also shall live.** We hear and believe His Word because *He reveals eternal life to us.*

Jesus is ***the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through Him.***

Only in Jesus do we know God the Father. Jesus is the *Word of God*; He speaks for God the Father, and He reveals the love, grace, and truth of God the Father to us.

Trust in Christ! Believe His Word! There is no other way to the Father and His Heavenly Kingdom! Amen!