

Who is Jesus Christ?

The Word Became Flesh
(John 1:1-18)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was in the beginning with God.

³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

⁶ There came a man sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷ He came as a witness, to testify about the light, so that all might believe through him.

⁸ He was not the light, but *he came* to testify about the light.

⁹ There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

¹¹ He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,

¹³ who 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 became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ John *testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'"

¹⁶ For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

¹⁷ For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

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The Word...

- God's self-expression; God's ultimate self-disclosure is in the person of His own Son
 - He had no beginning
 - He was with God
 - He was God
 - He was the agent of creation
 - He was the source of light and life

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- ❖ The Supreme Revelation:
 - God chose to make Himself known, finally and ultimately, in a real, historical man

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1. Jesus was fully divine
 - the glory displayed in the incarnate Word (Jesus) is nothing less than the glory of God the Father
(*monogenēs* = one and only or unique son)
 - Jesus as the unique Son, He Himself being God, has perfectly revealed the Father

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2. Jesus was fully human (*"flesh"*)
 - Jesus had a body and grew and developed like all human beings; Jesus had a mind, will and soul and experienced life like all other human beings
 - Jesus accepted the limitations of His humanity, unless His Father allowed otherwise, in order to live fully and authentically as a man

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- in order to represent us as our Savior that we might know the grace and truth of God as our Father

This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

(John 17:3)