

The Word Was God

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The **WORD**
Became **FLESH**

Open: How might you respond to someone who was questioning whether Jesus was in fact God?

Read & Discuss: John 1:1-13

1. What three truths does John tell us about the Word (Jesus) in verse 1? How do these descriptions shape your personal response to Jesus? Why is it important that we have an accurate understanding of who Jesus is?
2. **Read John 8:58-59; 10:30-31, 38-39.** What did Jesus say about His equality with God during His ministry on earth? How did the Jews respond when Jesus made this claim for Himself? How should our theology in this regard intersect with our celebration of Christ's coming?
3. Verse 3 declares Jesus to be the Creator of all things. How does Colossians 1:15-19 expand our understanding of Jesus' work in creation? How does knowing Jesus is our Creator impact the way we view His coming to dwell among his creation? (*Consider Philippians 2:6-8*)
4. What does John mean in verse 4 when he says that in Jesus "was life"? **Read John 3:16; 6:35; 10:10; 11:35; 14:6, 14:19 and Acts 17:28.** What kind of life does Jesus bring to us?
5. How does that life become the "light of men," as verse 4 says? (*See John 1:9 & 8:12*) Since Jesus is both "life" and "light" for us, how should that foster in us a desire to pursue Jesus? How has Jesus brought light into your life?
6. John declares that the "light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (v. 5). How does this promise bring you comfort in view of corollary promises like John 16:33 and 1 John 5:4-5?
7. How would you summarize the point of verses 9-13 regarding the light that has come into the world? What is at risk when we forget this truth?

Apply: Just as John bore witness about Jesus (vv. 6-8), how will you seek to bear witness to Jesus, the true light of the world, as we approach Christmas?

Pray: Pray that God will give you opportunity to speak to a non-Christian concerning the light and life of Jesus.

John 1:1–13

^[1] 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 were made through 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] The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

^[6] There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ^[7] He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ^[8] He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

^[9] The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ^[10] He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ^[11] He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ^[12] But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ^[13] who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (ESV)