

Who is the Word?

John 1.1-14

Beginning of recorded time; echoes
words of Moses (Gen. 1.1; cf. John 1.3)

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This “Word” possessed personhood — “was God”

This “Word” is identified as divine — “was God”

“God” is not always a reference to the Father; sometimes it describes an existence.

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This "Word" was not alone.

This word was present with God "in the beginning".

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This “Word” was active in creation, all things being created “through Him”. Again, the personhood of this “Word” is affirmed — we are not talking about mere breath or a plan or simple spoken words.

Who is the Word?

- He was the possessor of both life and light (John 1.4).
- He was the One about whom John the Baptist was testifying (John 1.8).
- He was the One who created the world and lived in the world, though the world did not know Him (John 1.10).
- He was rejected by His own (John 1.11).
- He brings into the family of God those who believe in His name (John 1.12).

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“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

This “Word” who “became flesh” existed prior to that moment, being “in the beginning with God”.

At some identifiable time, this “Word” who “was God” became flesh.

This “Word” who “became flesh” lived amongst humans and was observable.

Again, the personhood of this “Word” is being affirmed!

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The “Word” is identified to us as One who possessed glory.

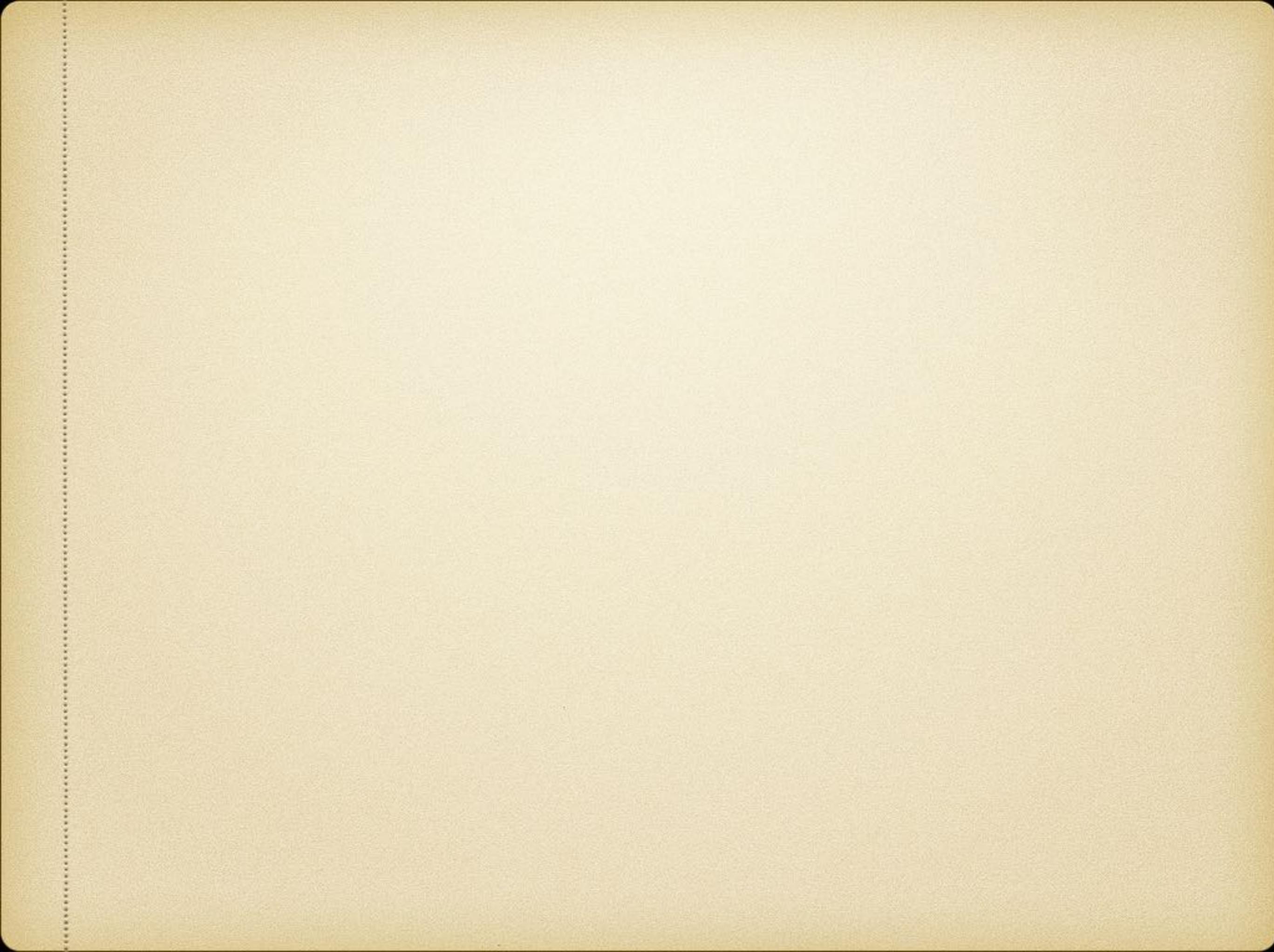
The glory of the “Word” was that of the “only begotten from the Father”.

The “Word” who “became flesh” was “full of grace and truth”.

Who is the Word?

- In existence with God at the beginning. *John 8.58*
- Called God. *Hebrews 1.8*
- All things created through Him. *Colossians 1.15ff*
- Testified to by John the Baptist. *Matthew 11.10ff*
- Became flesh and dwelt among men. *Hebrews 10.5-10*
- Glory as of the only begotten of the Father. *John 3.16*

Jesus



Why Is This Important?

- How can I believe in Jesus if I don't know about His life?
 - Faith requires knowledge of the gospel – Romans 10.17
 - Unless I believe, I will die in my sin – John 8.24,58
- God had to die for my sins to be forgiven (Acts 20.28).
 - In order for God to die (James 2.26), there had to be a body.
 - The Father created a body for the Son (Hebrews 10.5ff).
- The growth of error is slow and subtle.

Seeing the Error

- "God has no God and Jesus does."
 - *Jesus claims equality with His Father – John 10.30*
 - *Jesus willingly submitted Himself to the Father – Hebrews 10.5,9*
- "God is not a man, Jesus is a man."
 - *Jesus came as a man (1 Timothy 2.5) in submission to the Father's will (Philippians 2.6ff).*
 - *Jesus was certainly divine (God) while in the flesh – Hebrews 1.8*

Seeing the Error

- "God has no flesh and blood, Jesus does."
 - *The Father does not have flesh and blood (John 4.24).*
 - *The Son, who became flesh (John 1.14), was called God (Acts 20.28).*
- "God created heaven and earth, Jesus didn't."
 - *Both the Father and the Son were involved in creation – Revelation 4.11; Colossians 1.13ff*

Seeing the Error

- "God has all power in everything, Jesus doesn't."
 - *The Father has all power and entrusted that power to His Son, Jesus (Matthew 28.18).*
- "God created Jesus, Jesus didn't create God."
 - *Jesus has existed eternally as God – John 1.1; Micah 5.2*
 - *The Father did create a body for Jesus – Hebrews 10.5*
- "Jesus prayed to God, God didn't pray to Jesus."
 - *Jesus submitted Himself to His Father – Philippians 2.4ff*

Seeing the Error

- "God never died, Jesus died."
 - *The Father has never died because He has never had a body – James 2.26*
- God raised Jesus from the dead, Jesus never raised God."
 - *The Father did not submit to Jesus and did not have a body to die, much less raise.*

Seeing the Error

- "God named his Son Jesus, Jesus never named God Jehovah."
 - *Jehovah is not a proper name exclusive to the Father – Deuteronomy 6.4 (LORD = Jehovah; God = Elohim [plural])*
- "The bible is God's words, not Jesus' words."
 - *What distinction are we to make between the words of Jesus and the words of the Father? – John 10.30*
 - *Both commend the words of the Other – Matthew 17.5; John 12.49*

Seeing the Error

- "John, 1; 1... Who is the Word ? GOD THE FATHER, NOT JESUS. WHY BECAUSE JESUS IS NOT GOD !!!"
- *The 'Word' of John 1.1 cannot be the Father:*
 - *This person was with the Father in the beginning (1.2)*
 - *This 'Word' became flesh (1.14)*
 - *This 'Word' was the only begotten of the Father (1.14)*