

INTRODUCING:

THE WORD

WHO IS “THE WORD”?

- ▶ Present at the beginning with God - vv1,2
 - ▶ “uncaused first cause”
- ▶ God (divine) – v1
 - ▶ “was” does not imply cessation
 - ▶ The tense of the Greek word (imperfect) references continuing action – *“was and continues to be”*
- ▶ Creator and Maker - v3
 - ▶ involved in the creation of everything that is made
- ▶ Bringer of life and light – vv4,5

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"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)

- ▶ Keep "the Word" in the context of the beginning:
 - ▶ "God" who "became flesh" *Appearance in flesh doesn't nullify deity*
 - ▶ "God" who "dwelt among us" *A reason for His incarnation*
 - ▶ "God" the "only begotten of the Father" *Nature and role*
 - ▶ "God... full of grace and truth" *Personal significance of the Word*

The Word is Jesus (cf. 3.16)

SIGNIFICANCE OF “THE WORD”:

- ▶ He has existed from the beginning as God, yet was incarnated in the flesh - John 1.27
- ▶ He is worthy, we are unworthy - John 1.27
 - ▶ Notice Luke 7.28
- ▶ He is the Lamb of God who takes away sin the sin of the world - John 1.29
- ▶ He is the fulfillment of prophecy - John 1.45
- ▶ He is both Son and King - John 1.49