

“In the Beginning...”

(John 1:1-4)

Each of the gospels begins by revealing important information about the identity of Jesus (Matthew 1:1; Mark 1:1; Luke 3:23-37). John may actually provide the most powerful introduction of Jesus found anywhere in the Bible.

Instead of introducing Jesus with genealogy, or His virgin birth, or with His baptism, John chooses to introduce Him by taking us back to the beginning. John wants us to understand that Jesus was there in the beginning. In fact, He was three specific things in the beginning.

In the beginning Jesus...

I. Was the Word (John 1:1).

- A. Words express communicate and express ideas. We use them to give instructions and explain things.
 - 1. Jesus came into the world to communicate or explain the Father. He told people the truth about the love and grace of God (John 1:14; 14:6).
 - 2. Jesus is the source of truth. While on earth, He was the full embodiment of truth.
 - 3. Unfortunately, most failed to accept the truth (John 1:11).
- B. What about us?
 - 1. Accepting Jesus as the truth leads to real freedom (John 8:32).
 - 2. Accepting Jesus as the truth gives us something rock solid and strong in life. No matter what happens, the truth Jesus has revealed will endure.

II. Was God (John 1:1).

- A. This means that Jesus is deity. He is a member of the Godhead.
 - 1. Jesus is eternal (John 1:1-2; Genesis 1:1; John 8:57-59; Exodus 3:14).
 - 2. Jesus is the creator (John 1:3; Colossians 1:15-17; Genesis 1:1, 26-27).
 - 3. In Jesus is life (John 1:4).
- B. How will we respond?
 - 1. We need to worship (Matthew 14:33; 28:17).
 - 2. We need to trust Him (Proverbs 3:5-8; John 2:24-25).
 - 3. We need to stand in awe of Him (Psalm 33:8).

III. Was the light of men (John 1:4-9).

- A. Darkness has many negative connotations attached to it.
 - 1. It is hard to navigate through the darkness.
 - 2. Evil usually lurks in the dark.
- B. Jesus is the opposite of darkness! See John 3:19-20; 8:12; 9:5; 12:35-36, 46.
 - 1. He provides spiritual direction (John 14:6).
 - 2. His life and teachings expose sin.
- C. What are we going to do with the light?
 - 1. Will we walk in it? Jesus commands us too!
 - 2. We will shine it (Matthew 5:14-16)? Again, Jesus commands us too!

Conclusion: Do you need to begin your walk in the light this morning?