

The Word Is God

John 1:1-3

What does the Bible teach us
about Jesus and His
relationship with God?


Background of John' Gospel

- John “the beloved” was a disciple/apostle.
- Written 80-90 A.D.
- Purpose is two-fold
 - It is a defense (apologetic) that Jesus is God's Son.
 - It is an evangelistic tool that encourages readers to believe.
- Key Word – “believe” used almost 100 times; more than all other gospels combined.



Key Verse - John 20:31

“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”



The deity of Christ
(the belief that Jesus is God)
is a non-negotiable.



Pre-existence of the Word v.1-2

- The Word is the source of all things.
- The Word existed before anything came into existence.
- The Word existed as the same essence as the Father.



Reasons Jesus can claim to be God.

1. Paul said He was equal with God.
2. Jesus said He was equal with God.
3. Jesus receives titles only attributed to God.
4. Christ possesses incommunicable attributes.
5. Christ does works only God can do.
6. Christ received prayer and worship.



Power of the Word v.3

- The Word has power in creation.
Colossians 1:16-17, Hebrews 1:2
- The Word has power to make things right. Romans 8:19-22, Isaiah 11:1-10



Applications

Because the Word is God ...

1. I will give an account before Him someday.
2. I can go to Him as my source for all things.
3. I have something to look forward to.
4. I can be confident in my faith.