

John

**John 1:1-5****The Word Became Flesh**

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.

BACKGROUND

AUTHOR

Generally understood to be the disciple John

DATE WRITTEN

Between 60-65 AD

THEME

To show that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that you may believe in Him

KEY VERSES

John 1:1

Introduction - John's Opening Bombshell(s)

Matthew 1

The Genealogy of Jesus Christ

1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Luke 1:5-7

Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

5 In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. 6 And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. 7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

Mark 1:4

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

4 John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins

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The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God.

The other Gospels

The Jewish reader

1 In the beginning was the **Word**.... and the **Word** was God. **The Greek or Gentile reader**

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. **Jesus is the author of life**

Conclusion

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Why is it so hard for us to make Jesus our “logos”, our rationale for life?
 - 2) What things keep you from making Jesus the center of your life? It's ok to be honest...
 - 3) What are the real life implications of John's statement that Jesus is the author of your life?
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