



## Who is Jesus? The Word

*John 1:1-18*

Key Words: Create Symbols to mark these (and other) words you see occur in the passage:

Believe	Word	Witness
Truth	God	All
<del>Jesus</del>	Life	

Key grammatical “stuff”: Create Symbols to mark these (and other) important observations:

<u>Conjunctions</u>
(Prepositional Phrases)
Contrasts
Conditions (If, then)



## **John 1:1-18**

<sup>1</sup> *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

<sup>6</sup> *There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.*

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<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after

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me ranks before me, because he was before me.' ") <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

<sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

**Introduction:** This is a very interesting introduction to the book of John. We're introduced to a somewhat mysterious character. He is called, "The Word." His identity is hinted out through the entire chapter, and finally revealed in verse 17.

This truly is incredible. The Word was present at creation. The Word claims deity. The Word is the Light in darkness. The Word becomes man.

**Questions:**

**Tip:** "The Word" in this passage is a person.

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1. What is important about this phrase “in the beginning” from verse 1? (See Genesis 1)

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2. Also, from Genesis 1, how did God create the universe?

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3. Describe what is important about the words “with” and “was” in verse 1.

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**Truth Tips:** These are major claims that John is making! This mysterious man, “the Word” was *with* God at creation. This means that this man existed before there was existence! He *was* God. This clarifies it for us. How was the Word able to be



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present *with* God at the beginning? The answer is simple. He *was* (and is) God. Again, these are some major claims!

4. Who is John? Is this the same person who authored the book? Also, what is his job?

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5. How does someone become a child of God? (see v. 12)

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**Truth Tips:** This word “believe” is really important throughout the whole book of John. Who should we believe in? See the last question of this booklet to learn more.

6. What does it mean that the Word became flesh? (v. 14)

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7. Who is the “Word”? (see vs. 14, 17)

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8. According to John 1, is Jesus (the Word) God? How does the author show it in this passage?

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9. Why did the apostle John write this Gospel? (see John 20:31)

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10. What should I believe about Jesus as a result of this study?

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