

Jesus: The Word Made Flesh

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Scripture:

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

Jn 1:1–5 (ESV)

From the Introduction:

Stop for a moment to consider the importance you place upon your word:

- In honest retrospection would you say that your word is your bond?
- Or, do you find yourself struggling with the “inner you,” seeking to overcome the temptation of the flesh but falling short?
- How important is it to you that others see you as a man or woman that is true to their word?

Think on these things as we share together God’s Word.

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- 1) The Word is _____ (vv. 1-2)
 - a) As “the Word,” Christ is _____.
 - b) Jesus’ divinity assures us he has a _____ part in our redemption.

- 2) The Word _____ (v. 3)
 - a) As “the Word,” Christ is _____.
 - b) Jesus’ power assures us his _____ to our physical and spiritual lives.

- 3) The Word is _____ (vv. 4-5)
 - a) As “the Word,” Christ is _____.
 - b) Jesus’ life serves as the redemptive power that offers the final _____ for all.

Remember:

“¹⁴And 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.” - John 1:14 (ESV)

Reflect:

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them” – John F. Kennedy

Seek:

- 1) Pythagoras once stated, “Silence is better than unmeaning words.” Do you agree with his statement? Why/Why not?
- 2) If someone offered to record even your most idle (not intimate) conversations and play them back to you, how comfortable would you be in what you would hear?

Share:

- 1) Reread John 1:1-5 (Focus on verse 4).
 - a) Pastor Mark stated, “The term “life” (Gr., *zōē*) is uniformly used throughout the Gospel. Wherever it appears, it refers either to the principle of physical life (vitality) or, most often, to spiritual life.” Why is it important for us to see Jesus, as the Word, giver of life?

- b) How important is it to you that Jesus brings you new life physically and spiritually?
- 2) Read James 3:8-10
- a) In this passage, James addresses the words we use, referring to them as “a restless evil, full of deadly poison” (v. 8). Do you agree with James’ statement? Why/why not?

 - b) What steps do you need to take to honor God with your words? NOTE: This may present itself positively or negatively. The key focus is honoring Him.

Serve:

- 1) How does it make you feel to know that God sent Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, to bring salvation to all?
- 2) What changes need to take place in your life in order to honor God with your words and serve Him?

Prayer:

Pray together, using sentence prayers, thanking God for sending His Son, to save you. Also, ask Him to help you honor “Hos Word” through your words.