

## **“Jesus is the Word”**

*John 1:1*

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*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God”*

### **Introduction:**

#### A. Remember John’s purpose statement:

*“these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus  
is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may  
have life in His name” (20:31)*

#### B. John is the only biblical writer who refers to Jesus as the ‘Word’

*“What was from the beginning...concerning the Word of Life”  
(1 John 1:1)*

*“And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and  
He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in  
righteousness He judges and wages war....and His name  
is called the Word of God” (Revelation 19:11, 13)*

#### C. The Greek term John used for ‘word’ is *logos* [λογος] and it meant something specific to John’s audience, which included Jews, pagans and Christians.

- 1) For the **Jews**, *logos* in the OT referred to God’s authori-  
tative self-disclosure to man—the verbal manifestation of  
the Divine will; God’s thoughts made plain to man; the  
truth of God and truth about God:

*“For as the rain and the snow come down come down from  
heaven, and do not return there without watering the  
earth, and making it bear and sprout...so will My **Word**  
be which goes forth from My mouth, it will not return to  
Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire and  
without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it”  
(Isaiah 55:10-11)*

- 2) To the **Greek pagans**, *logos* was the impersonal,  
abstract principle of reason and order in the universe, a  
creative force and the source of wisdom that emanated  
from the Divine.
- 3) To the **early Church**, the *logos* was saving message of  
the Person and work of Christ:

*“And they spoke the word of the Lord to him” (Acts 16:32)*

*“Preach the Word” (2 Timothy 4:2)*

#### 1. Jesus is Eternal.

*“In the beginning, was the Word”*

- A. He existed before creation.
- B. He is uncreated.

#### 2. Jesus is Unique.

*“and the Word was with God”*

- A. He is distinct from the Father.
- B. He is intimate with the Father.
- C. He is on par with the Father.

#### 3. Jesus is God.

*“and the Word was God”*

- A. He is deity.
- B. He is a Person.
- C. He is separate from creation.