

Gospel of John

(1) In The Beginning

John 1:1-5

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What other passage does 'in the beginning' remind us of? **Gen.1:1** Comment?

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So what's the significance of *beginning* vs *was the Word*? **Jn.1:1, 17:5; IJn.1:1-2**

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*And the Word was with God...*Jn.1:1

What does *with God* signify? **Jn.1:1, 17:1-5**

What does this positively declare?

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What is an important point (in Greek) in *was God*? **Is.9:6; Jn.10:30-33**

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In the beginning God created... Gen.1:1 and John 1:3 are different views of creation.

So when is the beginning? **Gen.1:1; Heb.1:10; Rev.22:13**

It's the start of creation. The heavens and the earth. It's not beginning eternity past!

What's the critical difference between 'was the Word' and 'Word became flesh'? **Jn.1:1, 14**

Was=eimi, continuing in the past. Became=ginomai, came into existence (had a start).

So what's the significance of *beginning* vs *was the Word*? **Jn.1:1, 17:5; IJn.1:1-2**

It signifies that Christ, the Word was in existence before the beginning! Eternal past!

Why is this so important? **IJn.7-11; Col.1:16-17; Heb.1:2; Phil.2:5-11**

The eternal nature of Christ, the Word, is non-negotiable! This is a deceiver/antichrist.

What results if Christ is not eternal (past, present, future), co-equal w/Father? **Jn.10:22-39**

Jesus would be a liar! He was clearly understood to claim to be equal to the Father!

And if that were the case, how would that impact the Gospel? **Heb.4:15-16**

He could not possibly be our Savior! Only the perfect, sinless Son of God can be that!!

And the Word was with God...Jn.1:1

What does *with God* signify? **Jn.1:1, 17:1-5**

With God=pros ton theon; 2 personal beings, face-to-face. Word/Father = same essence

What does this positively declare?

That the Word was not created (i.e. 'a god'). The Word is totally equal to, 'one' w/God.

And the Word was God...Jn.1:1

What is an important point (in Greek) in *was God*? **Is.9:6; Jn.10:30-33**

The structure indicates identity of Person with the Father yet not any lower nature!

What is our *mandated application* of Jn.1:1? **IJn.7-11; Gal.1:7-9; Mt.7:15; Acts 20:29**

BEWARE! False prophets are everywhere and they are antichrist, distorting the Gospel