

## The Word

Who Do You Say I Am? #11

John 1:1-18

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### What is the message of The Word?

#### 1. The WORD reveals God's character. (v.1-3,18)

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*

**John 1:1-3 (NIV)**

*No one has ever seen God. But God the only Son is very close to the Father, and he has shown us what God is like.*

**John 1:18 (NCV)**

#### What does John say about Jesus?

- Jesus is God! "...The Word was God..."

*Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.*

**Colossians 1:15a (NIV)**

- Jesus is eternal... "...in the beginning was The Word..."

*I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.*

**Revelation 22:13 (NIV)**

- Jesus is my creator... "Through him all things were made..."

*Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,<sup>16</sup> for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth.*

*He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.<sup>17</sup> He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. <sup>18</sup> Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.*

**Colossians 1:15-18 (NLT)**

#### 2. The WORD explains God's plan. (v.3-5)

*And with this Word, God created all things. Nothing was made without the Word. Everything that was created <sup>4</sup> received its life from him, and his life gave light to everyone. <sup>5</sup> The light keeps shining in the dark, and darkness has never put it out.*

**John 1:3-5 (NCV)**

*Jesus answered, "What I teach is not my own. My teaching comes from the one who sent me. <sup>17</sup> People who really want to do what God wants will know that my teaching comes from God. They will know that this teaching is not my own. <sup>18</sup> If I taught my own ideas, I would just be trying to get honor for myself. But if I am trying to bring honor to the one who sent me, I can be trusted. Anyone doing that is not going to lie.*

**John 7:16-18 (ERV)**

#### 3. The WORD is designed to change me. (v.9-13)

*The true light was coming into the world. This is the true light that gives light to all people. <sup>10</sup> The Word was already in the world. The world was made through him, but the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to the world that was his own. And his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But some people did accept him. They believed in him, and he gave them the right to become children of God. <sup>13</sup> They became God's children, but not in the way babies are usually born. It was not because of any human desire or plan. They were born from God himself.*

**John 1:9-13 (ERV)**