



In the beginning
was the Word...

THE WORD AT THE BEGINNING

John 1:1 to 5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

Genesis 1:1 to 5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.”

John’s Purpose for Writing this Gospel

John 20:31: But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The 1st Century Cultural Understanding of the “Word”

1. Greeks
2. Jews
3. Christians

The Challenging Questions

1. Do we really appreciate this “Word” for who he is?
2. When we pray, do we really understand the greatness of the one who we are talking to?
3. What Does John mean by “the Life”?
4. How does this passage help us to defend of our faith?

Reference Texts:

Genesis 1:26, Exodus 3:16, 20:3, 33:18-23, 35:29, Ecclesiastes 1:9, Psalm 29, 33:6, 107:20, 137:16(b), Jeremiah 1:4, Isaiah 38:4, 55:11, Ezekiel. 33:7, Mark 1:1, John 5:26, 8:12, 20:30, 31, Ephesians 2:8, Colossians 1:15-17, 2:9, 2 Timothy 4:4, Hebrews 1:2, 11:1, 1 Peter 3:15.