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Part 9 – The God Who Descended and Put On Flesh

*The*

WORD

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John 1:1-5, 9-14, 16-18

# John 1:1

**In the beginning the Word  
already existed.**

**The Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.**

# John 1:2

He existed in the beginning  
with God.

# John 1:3

**God created everything through  
him, and nothing was created  
except through him.**

# John 1:4

**The Word gave life to everything  
that was created,  
and his life brought light  
to everyone.**

# John 1:5

The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness  
can never extinguish it.

# John 1:9

**The one who is the true light,  
who gives light to everyone,  
was coming into the world.**

# **John 1:10**

**He came into the very world  
he created,  
but the world  
didn't recognize him.**



# John 1:11

He came to his own people,  
and even they rejected him.

# **John 1:12**

**But to all who believed him  
and accepted him,  
he gave the right  
to become children of God.**

# John 1:13

**They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.**

# **John 1:14**

**So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.**

# John 1:16

From his abundance we have all  
received one gracious blessing  
after another.

# **John 1:17**

**For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ.**

# **John 1:18**

**No one has ever seen God.  
But the unique One,  
who is himself God,  
is near to the Father's heart.  
He has revealed God to us.**

PROLOGUE: THE INCARNATE WORD

# MONOCHROMES

## THE LOGOS OF GOD

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JOHN 1:14



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He came to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world, and the world was made through him, yet no one believed in him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. He gave the right to become children of God to those who believe in his name, who were born not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'Who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.' From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ, the only God, who is at the Father's



# Definition of *Logos*:

In Greek philosophy and in theology (the study of God), *logos* is the divine reason, or the immanent power of God, implicit in the cosmos, ordering it and giving it form and meaning.

# The Trinity:

The Father, the Logos, and the Holy Spirit are not three beings, they are one being. Even though they are one being, they are not identical. All three are of the same essence, yet in some sense, they are distinguishable.

# The Dimensions (strophes) of John's Prologue

- The Logos and God
- The Logos and Creation
- The Logos and Revelation
- The Logos and Incarnation
- The Logos and Redemption

# The 4 Themes of John's Prologue Concerning Christ

- The Identity of Jesus Christ
- The Nature of the World
- The Possibilities for Humanity
- Eternal Redemption

# Genesis 1:1

**In the beginning God created  
the heavens and the earth.**



# First Strophe 1:1-2

In the beginning the *Logos* already existed.

The *Logos* was with God,  
and the *Logos* was God.

He existed in the beginning with  
God.

# Genesis 1:2

The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.



# Genesis 1:3-4

Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness.

## Second Strophe 1:3-8

God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The *Logos* gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.

**The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never  
extinguish it.**



## **Third Strophe 1:9-13**

**The one who is the true light,  
who gives light to everyone,  
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He came into the very world  
he created, but the world  
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**He came to his own people,  
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# Genesis 2:7

**Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground.**

**He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person.**

# Fourth Strophe 1:14, 16-18

So the *Logos* became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.



**From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.**

# Colossians 1:15

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

# Colossians 1:16

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.

# Colossians 1:17

**He existed before anything else,  
and he holds all creation  
together.**

# Colossians 1:18

**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 1:19-20**

**For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.**

# The 4 Themes of John's Prologue Concerning Christ

- The Identity of Jesus Christ
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# Principle #1

Jesus Christ is God and the scandal of His preexistence, descending, person, work, purpose, crucifixion, resurrection and re-ascension is something that every true believer must whole-heartedly believe.



## **Principle #2**

**We do not live in a nice world that God desires to make nicer. We live in a fallen and sin ravaged world. Sin is not a series of bad choices, but a state of being from which sinful choices continually flow.**

# Principle #3

**The Gospel of Jesus Christ is not about being a message that offers hope. It is God's personal, intimate, and self-spoken message regarding our only hope.**

# Principle #4

When the *Logos* put on flesh and descended into our world, new possibilities were born. God's divine power was released into our broken world and into our broken lives, and now, we can be born again through grace by faith.

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