

# Jesus by John

## Part 2: IN THE BEGINNING



## TAKE OUT – I'll Have That to Go Please

Read your Bible. Follow Jesus.

John 5:39-40

## INTRODUCTION – The Power of and Problem with Words

**2 Timothy 2:14**

(Also see 1 Timothy 6:4; 2 Timothy 2:23; Titus 3:9)

Every religion in the world had a beginning. You can trace it starting with its founder. All these religions have a beginning and they all have an ending. Christianity is different. Where does Christianity start? It has no beginning and it has no end. The human heart wants that which had no beginning and never can have any ending – namely, the Word.  
~ A.W. Tozer, *And He Dwelt Among Us*

## DINE IN – The Word of God

What's the BIG IDEA?

Jesus is God's core message to us, in words and actions.

John 1:1

2 Corinthians 5:17

GREEKS...

LOGOS = The unified ordering principle of the universe.

JEWS...

LOGOS = God's message, teaching, law, and creative force.

Hebrews 1:1  
1 John 4:8, 16

## CONCLUSION – Starting Over

Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.  
The old life is gone; a new life has begun!  
~ 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

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### HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

#### Warming Up...

1. Have you ever witnessed, in person or online, an "argument about words" (2 Timothy 2:14)? Why might religious people be tempted to argue about words more than others?
2. After reviewing the message, talk about what stood out to you the most.

#### Look to the Book...

3. Read **John 1:1; 5:39-40; Luke 24:26; and Hebrews 1:1-2**. A) What are some of the potential dangers of calling the Bible "the Word of God" (as opposed to "the Bible" or "the Scriptures") as many contemporary Christians do? B) Can you think of examples in Jesus' life when he demonstrated and embodied his message (and didn't just speak it)? C) How might you explain to a non-believer that God is somehow plurality-in-unity? That the Word was both *with* God and *was* God? D) Since the gospel is meant to be proclaimed AND shown, which are you better at – showing the gospel in your lifestyle or proclaiming the gospel with your words? How might you strengthen your weaker areas?

#### So What?...

4. Review **2 Corinthians 5:17**. Is there anything in your life that makes you yearn for a fresh start with God and others? Talk, plan, and pray. TALK about it with each other, PLAN a strategy for next steps, and PRAY for one another.

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