

Jesus by John

Part 2: IN THE BEGINNING



This is the story of nothing less than the 'in-fleshing' of the Word so that his grace and truth could be seen by human beings in a human being.

~ D.A. Carson, *The Pillar New Testament Commentary*

John intends that the whole of his gospel be read in light of the first verse. The deeds and words of Jesus are the deeds and words of God.

~ C. K. Barrett, *The Gospel According To Saint John*

God spoke himself aloud in the form of a human being.

~ Jack Miles, *Christ: A Crisis in the Life of God*

John tells us that God has spoken a powerful Word – a Word pronounced in syllables of flesh. What Jesus says will always be reflected in what He does and vice versa.

~ Michael Card, *The Parable of Joy*

By opening his gospel with a reference to the Word that was WITH God in the beginning that also IS God, John boldly says that God's Word is the extension of God Himself. The thoughts, feelings, and ambitions of God are bound up with his Word.

~ Jonathan D. Huntzinger, *Spirit-Filled Life New Testament Commentary*

Immediately in verse 1, John sounds the all-important issue that will dominate much of the ensuing gospel: the Word's (Jesus') relationship to God. John's argument here is that the Word, as God's creative agent, constituted an extension of God's own person.

~ Andreas J. Kostenberger, *A Theology of John's Gospel and Letters*

The opening section of John's gospel expresses the most profound truth in the universe in the clearest terms. Though easily understood by a child, John's Spirit-inspired words convey a truth beyond the ability of the greatest minds in human history to fathom.

~ John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary*

The Prolouge summarizes how the "Word" which was with God in the very beginning came into the sphere of time, history, tangibility. The rest of the book is nothing other than an expansion of this theme.

~ D.A. Carson, *The Pillar New Testament Commentary*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

~ **The Apostle John**