



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: John 1:1-5 (NAS)

Topic: "Jesus Is The Word"

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| 1 | In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.                              |
| 2 | He was in the beginning with God.  |
| 3 | All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. |
| 4 | Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.   |
| 5 | The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.                                    |

### **I. BACKGROUND ON JOHN**

- A. John The Undisputed Author
- B. Not Mentioned By Name – Only As The Disciple Jesus Love
- C. Son Of Zebedee And Salome, Brother Of James
- D. Apostles Of Love And Truth
- E. It Is An Evangelistic Gospel Focusing On Belief

### **II. GOD BECAME MAN**

- A. Fully God, Fully Man
- B. Purpose To Save Sinners *Luke 19:10*

### **III. JESUS' FIRST INVOLVEMENT WITH CREATION**

- A. At The First Moment Of Creation
- B. He Was The Person Of The Godhead Through Whom It Was Created
- C. John Says The Word Became Flesh
  - 1. Matthew 1:23 *Emmanuel*
  - 2. Luke 1:35 *Son of the Most High*

- 3. God in human flesh is a fundamental truth of Christianity

### **IV. THE TRUE PERSON OF CHRIST**

- A. This Is The Theme Of The Book
- B. John Seeks To Convince People Who Christ Is *John 20:31*
- C. The Christ Of Scriptures
- D. The Truth Of Who Christ Is Withstands Attacks Of The Cults

### **V. WHY THE TITLE: THE WORD?**

- A. John Gives No Explanation
- B. This Title Has Great Importance Applied To Christ
  - 1. The universe was spoken into existence
  - 2. The Word of the Lord came to fathers and prophets
  - 3. Christ was God speaking in human flesh
- C. The Word Declares His Deity
  - 1. Pre-existent with God *John 8:58*
  - 2. Co-existent with God *Hebrews 1:2; Colossians 2:9*
  - 3. Self-existent with God