

FIREPROOF Bible Study

John 1:1-18 "Who is Jesus?"

Introduction: As we approach Christmas this year, we're going to take a look into the often-referenced John 1 for answers about who Jesus really is.

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We've looked at many sides of Jesus over the course of our study, but the beginning of John 1 helps us really understand who He is and why it's important for us to follow Him. You've probably read this passage before, but you must really delve deep into it to fully grasp the concept.

The first answer to the question of "Who is Jesus?" is that Jesus is God. The foundation of the Trinity is very important to the Christian faith, and in essence it means this – Jesus is God, but also a part of God. Jesus is the Word that John 1 refers to. So, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."* (John 1:1) With the understanding of the Trinity, this seemingly cryptic verse is revealed in a very real way. Jesus was not just a good man on the earth trying to get a point across, and neither is He simply an answer God created for the problem of sin. Jesus has been with God from the beginning of time, and is a part of Him. We know this because, *"through him all things were made."* (John 1:3)

A second answer is that Jesus is love. Because 1 John 4:16 says, *"God is love,"* and we know Jesus is God, then Jesus is love! And again, Jesus was not just a loving and caring man. He truly exemplified love in all his words and actions. Even Jesus' anger served a purpose of love at times. Jesus was a perfect living example of the kind of love we should exhibit, and his teachings can really be boiled down to that one word: love.

Jesus taught love because he was a teacher on earth. Through his words, we were able to understand things that we weren't meant to and that we wouldn't be able to otherwise. Jesus took the Law of Moses, something that can at times be complex and daunting, and made it accessible. *"To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."* (John 1:12) In the past it had been that not all could become priests, and the common people had to go through an intercessor to be able to even speak to God. Jesus taught us and left more opportunities for us to learn so that we could all become *"a royal priesthood."* (1 Peter 2:9)

Jesus' intercession is what brought us his ultimate gift, and our ultimate answer to who He is: he is our Savior. Christ was sent as a measure of salvation for all people. His death and resurrection gave us a new way to connect to God despite our sins that severed that connection. He bore all our sins on the cross, which was a pain immeasurably greater than the physical pain and torture he endured. Looking back at verse John 1:3, we know that *"through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made."* So, everything and every person in the world had a connection with Jesus in the beginning of all things, but that connection was lost. He came to restore that presence, and in a very real way, Jesus left a new imprint on the world and gave us a new way of life.

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