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THE WORD

JOHN 1:1-18 NIV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Introduction:

In these verses that we've just read, (*John 1:1-18*) John deals with the theological implications of the first coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. From some of the verses we are going to see, John refers to Jesus as 'the **Word**.'

And some of these theological implications include:

1. The Word in Eternity or His pre-existent state with God. (*Verse 1-2*)
2. The Word in Human Flesh, His incarnation (*verse 14*).

1. The Word in Eternity, without naming the Word, he begins by writing; “*in the beginning was the WORD*” This is a strong way to say that the Word is eternal. The Word wasn’t created in the beginning. It didn’t begin in the beginning. In the beginning the Word was already in existence.

We can see some of the things John was addressing when we read *Mark 6:3*,
“Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.” (Mark 6:3).

Knowing that some people were questioning His identity, Jesus asked his disciples this question, “Who do people say I am?” (*Mark 8:27*) or “Who do the crowds say I am?” (*Luke 9:18*).

These are some of the answers;

“Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah, one of the prophets” (*Matthew 16:14, Mark 8:28*), ...but Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (*Matthew 16:16*).

Jesus never doubted his identity He knew Himself, that is why He declared that “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” (Rev.22:13).

The problem is-US.

2) The Word in Human Flesh or His incarnation(*verse 14*).

The second thing, John presents the Word as the only begotten son of God who became flesh. ... “The Word became flesh...” Verse 14.

For John, Jesus' humanity meant essentially a two-fold mission.

a) As a “Lamb of God” (1:29) He secured the redemption of mankind.

b) Through His life and ministry, he revealed the Father. According to John, the very miracles Jesus performed which he refers to as signs bore testimony to the divine mission of the son of God.

What does the word offer us?

a) The Light. 1:4-5,9. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind...

(Verse 4-5,9)

When our hearts become darkened by sin, the true light of Jesus lights our dark hearts through the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

**b) The right to become children of God
(*verse 12-13*).**

12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

c) Grace and truth (1:14,17). For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ

d) Revelation of the Father (1:18). No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.