

The Word – the Beginning

Scripture Text: John 1:1-5

In our text:

- Similar to Genesis 1:1
- Introducing us to God's Son
- V.2 He was there in the beginning
- Darkness did not comprehend Him.

This lesson will serve as the start of a series of 5 lessons looking at the Book of John and how Jesus is depicted.

John's sole purpose in writing is to prove the Deity of Christ. Mark proves it in one verse (MK 1:1); John goes deeper.

Today is a day of new beginnings:

- Imagine yourself one year ago, month, yesterday
- How have you changed? New job, haircut, car, grown spiritually stronger
- There are some people this very morning that have never named Jesus Christ as their Savior.
- Some people bring burdens they are struggling with.
- New beginnings: the things in the past will stay there, the things in the future aren't here yet. Focus on today – the Lord's Day!

This morning, let's open God's Word and see what it says concerning His Son.

1. The Word is Eternal

A. Definition:

1. Having infinite duration: everlasting <eternal damnation>
2. Of or relating to eternity
3. Characterized by abiding fellowship with God <good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life? — Mark 10:17(Revised Standard Version
4. It has no short shelf life!
5. I Pet. 1:25 – endureth forever

B. Why does John point back to the Creation?

1. that is the beginning of time! When? The day God created ... Gen. 1:1
2. Our concept of time goes back to this day!

C. We all have a beginning.

1. Tombstones have two dates (minus two in our cemetery).

2. Every event in history has a start date and an end date.
3. Jesus is the same all the time – Hebrews 13:8
4. Gen 1:26-27 “Let us” ... Godhead
5. John 6:60-68 Apostles cannot understand it, Jesus has the words to ETERNAL life!

2. The Word of God is Truth

A. What is truth?

1. “The truth : the real facts about something : the things that are true”
2. We can know, John 8:32
3. John 17:17

B. Jesus is Truth

1. Jn. 1:14 Word became Flesh
2. I Jn, 1:1 Seen, looked, handled it.

C. Jesus was a Human, just like we are.

1. Jn. 14:6 Only way to the Father
2. Jn. 18:36-37 Jesus bore witness of the truth.
3. Jn. 8:31-32 Abide in truth = disciples.

D. Truth always wins

1. Court cases
2. Disputes
3. Judgement Day

3. The Word is Our Light

A. Light

1. We’re all familiar with light (look around)
2. Light allows us to do so many things that cannot be done in the darkness.
 - a. Daylight Savings Time
 - b. John 9:4
3. Psalm 119:105

B. We live in a dark world today

1. What causes darkness? Sin.

2. John 1:5

3. People will change the law of the land, but God's Word never changes.

C. Us today:

1. I Pet. 2:9 – we have been called out of the darkness

2. Jn. 12:35-36 – Walk in the light, not darkness

Are you stumbling around in the dark? Are you having fun not seeing where you're going? Why?

Eph. 5:8-14 – had walked in darkness, now we walk in the Light!

John 1:5 – Light shines in darkness and did not understand it!

Today's forecast: God Reigns and the Son Shines!

"How Beautiful to Walk in the Steps of the Savior, Walking in the Light..."

Where are you walking this morning? Light or darkness?

I Jn. 1:7 – walk in the light as He is in the light

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