

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE
SERMON OUTLINE

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THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS!

John 1:1-5

In these few verses we are going to study, John gives us theology of Christmas. Unlike the other gospel writers, God was not concerned so much about the **where** and the **when** of Christmas as he was the **who** and the **why** of Christmas. **John assumed the reality of the manger, but he wanted us to understand the revelation of the manger**

When you compare the Gospel of **John** to Matthew, Mark, and Luke, you will discover quickly that John was not the **broadest writer**, but he was definitely the **deepest**. You read nothing in John's gospel about the birth of Jesus. You do not read about the manger, the angels, the shepherds, nor Bethlehem.

In these **five short verses** of **sixty-five words**, John gives us enough truth and enough theology about the person of the Lord Jesus Christ to fill up five books and 65,000 words. Someone has well said about this passage: **“Never has so much been said in so few words.”** What do we learn about the Christ of Christmas from this passage?

I. WHO JESUS WAS V-1

Now we know who John meant by the **“Word”** because of **v.14**.

A. He Is Eternally God
“In the beginning was the Word”.

Now this phrase does not refer to a **start**, it refers to a **state**. The Word did not have a temporal start; he existed in an eternal state. Before there was a cosmos - there was a Christ. Jesus had his birth in Bethlehem, but not his beginning.

B. He Is Equally God
Jesus is called the **“Word”** because He was a perfect expression of God, being God Himself.

The latter part of verse one is the plainest statement in the Bible on the deity of Jesus, **“the Word was God.”** **“The words “with God”** literally means "toward" or "facing" and could be translated "face to face." The word was **“face to face” with God**. Now this is a reference to the Trinity.

C. He Is Essentially God

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II. WHAT JESUS DID V-3

Here we learn two other things about the Lord Jesus.

A. He Is The Maker Of Creation

That means that Jesus was not a created being, He was a Creator Being. You see, we not only learn in verse 1 that Jesus was beyond creation. We learn in verse 3 that Jesus is behind creation.

B. He Is The Master Of Creation

Because Jesus is the creator of all things He is also the controller of all things. **Colossians 1:16-17** tells us...

III. WHY JESUS CAME

The Creator was not content with just creating a creation, now the Creator wants to become a **creature** in His own **creation**. Why?

A. To Bring Life To The Dead V-4

The Bible says in Ephesians 2:1, “And you He made alive who were dead in trespasses and sins.” Every person without Jesus is dead, because Jesus not only has life, and therefore gives life, Jesus is life.

B. To Bring Light To The Dark V-5

You see, Jesus not only came to regenerate the dead, He came to illuminate the dark. Jesus went on to say in **John 3:19**, “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”

The word here in verse 5 for **“comprehend”** is a word that literally means **“to overcome.”** This world for 2000 plus years has tried to put out the light of the world.

My friend, let me ask a simple question as we conclude this service today, do you personally know
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that John tells us about here in our Scripture passage?