



# GOD THE SON – IN THE BEGINNING (4)

## START HERE:

The first words of today’s passage will sound familiar:

### IN THE BEGINNING.

John’s first words about Jesus echo the Bible’s first words about God.

In the beginning, **GOD** created the heavens and the earth.

In the beginning, **THE WORD** already existed.

The Word was with God, and **THE WORD WAS GOD**.

Before saying anything else about Jesus, John makes this bold claim:

Jesus is **GOD**.

Jesus is **LORD**.

Jesus is the **SOURCE OF ALL LIFE**.

The 18 verses you’ll read today pack a mighty punch. They tell us countless things about Jesus. And each of those things has layers (and layers of truth behind it, beneath it, and beyond it.

These are words to ponder. To savor. To rest in. To chew on. To revisit over and over again. Read them this morning. Then again this afternoon. Then again tonight. And then a hundred other times during the coming years. They’re that important.

**"THE WORD WAS GOD . . . THE WORD BECAME HUMAN . . ."**

**READ THIS:** John 1:1-18 (listen to it read aloud by a friend, family, or StreeLight app; then read it yourself.

## THINK ABOUT:

List all the descriptions and statements about Jesus included in these verses.

Put a ☼ next to the descriptions that are supernatural, spiritual, and powerful.

Put a ☺ next to the descriptions that are personal, natural, and human.

Based on what you read, heard, and wrote, what new things do you see and understand about Jesus?

## EXTRA THINGS

John’s account of Jesus’ life reads very differently than Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The others use “kingdom” where John uses “eternal life.” The others recount numerous miracles while John writes about only a few. Many people consider John to be the most beautiful and poetic of the four gospel accounts.

In John 1, the Greek word for “word” is **logos** (LAH-gahs). You might know of ethos-pathos-logos from speech class. Ethos=ethical appeal. Pathos=emotional appeal. Logos=logical appeal.

For the ancient philosophers, “logos” referred to some unknown impersonal force that gave life and meaning to the universe. John flips that idea upside down and uses “logos” to identify a personal being.

## EXTRA VERSES

Philippians 2:6-11

## EXTRA STUFF

Watch and listen to Amena Brown’s spoken word: “In the Beginning”

Watch Bible Project’s video “God” for a helpful illustration of the Trinity.

AM: How will you focus today on Jesus as God? Jesus as human?

PM: How did you experience God’s goodness, love, guidance, or correction today?

*Father, Thank you for the gift of your Son, who you sent in human form to show us your love and to show us how to live. Help me to embody that love today and reflect it to those around me. Amen.*

