

Gospel of John #2

1:1-2

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“The Word Was God”

Intro: Who do you _____ ?

A. The reason this gospel has been written is that we might _____ that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of _____. (cf. John 20:31)

1. It is no wonder then that John begins where He does by affirming the eternal truth of _____ proclaiming that He is the eternal _____ in flesh.

2. If you have not yet come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, then I ask ... that you will allow God Himself, by the power of Holy _____ to speak to you that you might hear and _____ that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and in believing, you will gain life everlasting!

John 1:1-2

I. “In the _____ ...”

A. As Genesis reveals the beginning of the account of the Old Covenant, John reveals _____ Jesus to be the very One who satisfied the Old Covenant and is the beginning and fulfillment of the _____ and _____ covenant.

II. “... _____ the _____ ...”

A. “Was” is in the imperfect tense which in the context describes a continuous (_____) being who always was, and is, and always will be. Zodhiates writes that “in this context *was* could have been better translated ‘had been.’ Thus, a paraphrase of the first phrase would be: ‘Before the beginning, the _____ had _____ been, ...’”

1. Thus the _____ is not a created being, but an _____ being in whom there is no beginning nor end, but who existed forever before the beginning and will exist forever after the end. And therefore, in whom is the beginning and the end, and who then can rightly proclaim as He did in Rev 22:13, “_____ the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end;” and, Rev 1:8, “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who _____ and who _____ and who _____, the Almighty.”

B. “In the beginning was _____ *Word!*” “*The*” is a definite article which as we have learned refers to something very specific - in this case, one of a kind. In the beginning was the _____ *Word!*

C. The word translated “Word” is from the Greek “_____.”

1. To the Greek philosophers logos referred to reason and _____. Zodhiates writes, “Lógos (3056), the word given to describe His existence at the beginning, is the “_____.” Yet, this is incomplete for to the Jewish people the meaning of Logos not only included the intelligence, but the powerful _____ of such intelligence through works.

2. F. F. Bruce writes, “In the beginning’, then, when the universe was brought into existence, the divine _____ by which it was brought into existence was already there. And the language which follows shows that our Evangelist has no literary personification in mind. The personal status which he ascribes to the Word is a matter of _____ existence ...” Here then, in relationship to God the intelligence and active powerful communication of God is not an abstract thing, but a specific _____!

3. _____, the Son of God is the _____, the Living Logos of God, the intelligence and active and powerful expression of God! “In the beginning was the Word [Jesus!], and the Word [Jesus!] was with God, and the Word [_____!] was God” (John 1:1 & cf. John 1:14, 17 & Hebrews 1:1-3)

III. “... the Word _____ God ...”

A. The phrases “the Word was with God” (John 1:1) and “was with the Father” (1 John 1:2) gives “the picture of _____ personal _____ facing one another” while “engaging in intelligent discourse.” If you will, the Word was face to face in _____ and communion with God, His Father. “In the beginning”, before “the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world” “the Word was _____”.

IV. “... the Word _____.”

A. While _____ is not God the Father, He _____ the Son!

B. The Bible clearly and unequivocally says, “The _____ was _____!”

1. If John had wanted to state that the Word was “a god” (as false teachers do), the Greek language demands that he would have stated it differently. There is _____ in the Greek to say that “the Word was God” more plainly than it is written! As Leon Morris rhetorically asks, “How else in Greek would one say, ‘the _____ was _____’?” There isn’t a way other than the way John plainly and concisely wrote it.

2. Christ _____ came in human form to be the representation of the very nature of God for He is _____!

Closing: Do you _____ that _____ is the Christ, the eternal Word who was in the beginning, and who was with God and who was _____?

The answer to that question is the difference between eternal life and eternal damnation! The contrast could not be greater! Take care for your soul for this is a matter of life and death - heaven and hell! Who do you believe that Jesus is?

Will you receive the Word of God and be convinced of this truth: that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God? For no one can come to the Father except that they believe that Jesus is the Christ, His Holy Son! If you will _____, then you will have everlasting life in His name. Today is the day of salvation. In faith believing, call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will _____!

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