### Jesus-The Word and God the Father 1:1-2

In the beginning Jesus the Word already was and the Word was with God the Father, and the Word was God-Full Deity. He was in the beginning with God.

### Jesus-The Word and Physical Creation 1:3

All things came into being through Him, IOWs: apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

### Jesus-The Word is The Issue/Issuer of Spiritual Life and Light 1:4-5

In Him was life, and The Life was The Light of men. The Light keeps on shining in the darkness, and the darkness did not overpower Him.

### Jesus-The Word and John the Baptist 1:6-8

There came a man sent from God, whose name was John (the Baptist). He came as a witness, to testify about The Light, so that all might believe through him. He-John the Baptist was not The Light, but *he came* to testify about The Light.

### Jesus-The Word is the Incarnation of God in Human Form 1:9-11

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### Jesus-The Word is the Savior/Object of Saving Faith 1:12-13

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, that is to all those who believe in His name. These are born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God (born again/from above).

### Jesus-The Word is the Incarnation of God in Human Form 1:14

Jesus became flesh, and tabernacled among us and we saw His glory, glory as of the only unique member of the Trinity in his visible and human form, full of grace and truth.

### Jesus-The Word and John the Baptist 1:15

John the Baptist testified about Jesus-The Word: this was He of whom I said He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me."

### Jesus-The Word is The Issue/Issuer of Spiritual Life and Light 1:16

Through Jesus-The Word we have all received His fullness-grace upon grace.

### Jesus-The Word and Spiritual Creation 1:17

For the Law (partial/preliminary) was given through Moses; but grace and truth in its ultimate form has been given in/through Jesus Christ.

### Jesus-The Word and God the Father 1:18

No one has seen God (the Father) at any time; but the unique member of the Trinity who is now at the right hand of God the Father, He has demonstrated what God is.

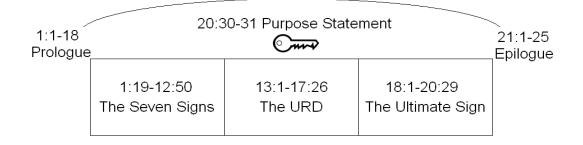
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# John 1:1-18 (Part 2 of 2)

Truth for Christmas (and the Other 364 Days of the Year) Jesus is Not Just Another Preacher or Prophet, He is THE Incarnation of God in Human Form

John 1:1-18 Reveals the Real "Real Meaning" of Christmas.

## The Context of John 1:1-18



# The Content of John 1:1-18

Rather than starting with the Virgin Conception/Birth as do Luke and Matthew, the Gospel of John begins before the beginning of our time/space universe. Luke (the physical genealogy through Mary) and Matthew (the legal genealogy through Joseph) emphasize the human line of Jesus. John "trumps" this by revealing the fact Jesus-the 2<sup>nd</sup> Person of the Trinity is both the Active Agent of physical and spiritual creation.

These 18 verses contain some of the deepest truth about our Lord's Person found in Scripture. Yet it uses some of the simplest vocabulary in the New Testament! Beyond this verbal simplicity however is an intricate flow of thought that moves toward and then away from a central thought highlighted in 1:12-13: Jesus is THE Savior/THE Object of Saving Faith. IOWs: The Babe in the Manger Was/Is the God-Man-Savior.

### **Take This To Heart**

The Real "Real Meaning" of Christmas Has Nothing to Do With "Ho! Ho! Ho!" It is All about "Who! Who! Who! Jesus Was/Is." Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift 2 Corinthians 5:17

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