

# Proclaimed

PROCLAIMED IN CREATION - JOHN 1:1-5  
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him... **-John 1:1-2**

## I. IN THE BEGINNING — ORIGIN & ILLUMINATION

- In the beginning was the Word — eternal, preexistent, and creative (Prov. 8:22-23; John 17:5, 24).
- The Word was with God. The Word was God. He was with God in the beginning (John 1:1, 14; 10:30; 14:9; 17:5; 1 John 1:1-2).
- All things were made in and through the Word. The universe was made through Jesus, and it was formed *ex nihilo* — from nothing (Gen. 1:1; Ps. 33:6; Rom. 4:17; Col. 1:15-17; Heb. 11:3).
- All life derives from Jesus, who is God (John 1:4; Acts 17:8).
- God is light, and so is Jesus the Word (John 1:9; 1 John 1:5).
- The Word is the light of men, shining in the darkness to the point that the darkness cannot overcome it (John 8:12; 9:5).

## II. LIFE & IMMORTALITY

- Jesus creates life and gives life through the gospel — the “good news” that God has provided salvation through Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection (Rom. 1:1-5, 16; 1 Cor. 15:1-6; 2 Cor. 5:17-21).
- Jesus illuminates to us life and immortality through the gospel (2 Tim. 1:8-10).
- Jesus is the only one who illuminates life and immortality (Acts 4:12).

**KNOW:** We owe our lives to Christ, who is the divine self-expression of God and the Creator of all things. Eternal life is found in him and in the gospel that he has brought to light.

**DO:** Find hope this Advent in the author of creation, Jesus Christ.

### Recommended Reading:

*Pleased to Dwell — A Biblical Introduction to the Incarnation*, by Peter Mead (LifePoint Library #394.1 MEA)  
*Knowing God*, by J.I. Packer (LifePoint Library #231 PAC)

### Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

#### Please read John 1:1-5

1. What is John telling us about Jesus in these verses?
2. When you hear the words “In the beginning...” what comes to your mind?
3. Why do you think John takes us back to the beginning both in his gospel (John 1:1-5) and in his first letter (1 John 1:1)?
4. Is it important for us to agree with the Bible that Jesus existed with the Father from eternity past? Why?
5. What is the light that Jesus shows us?
6. John the Baptist was an incredible prophet of God, so much so that many confused him for “the light” (John 1:6-8, 19-22). Why did so many think that John was the long-awaited Messiah?
7. Did you have an eye-opening experience when you came to know Christ? What was opened up to you that you did not see previously?