



Who is Jesus?

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1. Who Jesus Was – John 1:1

According to Tim Keller - If you got a group of educated people together and asked them to write down the 6 most influential people of all time each one of those list would have to have on it at least four names: Buddha, Jesus, Muhammad and Carl Marx. Of those four only one put forth the claim that he was God in the flesh - Jesus. Everyone else who made that claim was considered a crack-pot but this One.

Now we know who John meant by the "Word" because in verse 14 he tells us, *John 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."*

- A. Jesus Is *Eternally* God – "In the beginning was the Word"
- B. Jesus Is *Equally* God – "...and the Word was God."

The Trinity is not, $1 + 1 + 1 = 3$, but $1 + 1 + 1 = 1!$ And, by the way, we live in a triune universe.

- C. Jesus Is *Essentially* God - "*...and the Word was God.*"
 - 1) Jesus was God in His *power* – He calmed waves, etc.
 - 2) Jesus was God in His *pardon*
 - 3) Jesus was God in His *position*
 - 4) Jesus was God in His *perception*
 - 5) Jesus was definitely God in His *person!* (John 1:14)

2. What Jesus Did

John 1:3 "*All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*"

- A. Jesus Is The Maker Of Creation – Who created the world- God or Jesus? Yes!
- B. Jesus Is The Master Of Creation – Col. 1:16-17

3. Why Jesus Came

A. Jesus Brings Life To The *Dead* – John 1:4; Eph. 2:1

- 1) Jesus is the strength of *earthly* life.
- 2) Jesus is also the secret of *effective* life – John 10:10
- 3) Jesus is also the source of *eternal* life – John 11:25-26

B. Jesus Brings Light To The *Dark* – John 1:5

- There is darkness in the religious mind
- There is darkness in the philosophical mind
- There is darkness in the carnal mind
- There is darkness in the scientific mind

2 Cor. 4:6 *"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ"*

Questions:

1. Why must we either accept that Jesus was God Himself in the flesh or reject Him as a liar or madman? Why do you suppose many want to try and say He was a good man and teacher, but not God Himself?
2. John made it clear that "All things were made by Him" (John 1:3). Why is this important to understand? How does this affect our teaching of who Jesus is?
3. "Dead" and in "darkness." These are two terms used to describe those outside of Christ. What do they mean and what has Jesus done to us in Him?

Prayer: *"Father, thank you for being a Trinity: the Father, Son, and Spirit. We worship You as three distinct persons, but yet in essence, One! This is a marvelous mystery that we cannot fully comprehend. Thank you for Jesus who left all the glories of heaven to come to the earth He created to be one of us so He could die for us! This is a love we cannot comprehend! Thank You for saving us through His perfect sacrifice, in Jesus' precious name, amen!"*