

→Scripture Reading - John 1:1-5 NLT

WHO is the WORD why does it Matter ~ John 1:1-5

John 1:1–5 (NIV) ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

John 1:14–18 (NIV) ¹⁴ The WORD became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came FROM the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ John testifies concerning Him. He cries out, saying, This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me. ¹⁶ From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made Him known.

¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. The One and Only Son-the One who is at the Father’s side-He has revealed Him. (HCS)

John 1:1–5 (NIV) ¹ In the beginning was the Word [*Jesus*], and the Word [*Jesus*] was with God, and the Word [*Jesus*] WAS God. ² He [*Jesus*] was WITH God in the beginning. ³ Through HIM [*Jesus*] ALL things were made; without HIM [*Jesus*] NOTHING was made that has been made. ⁴ In Him [*Jesus*] was LIFE, and that life was the LIGHT of men. ⁵ The LIGHT shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

It is CLEAR that Jesus...

- EXISTED before ALL things vs. 1
- was WITH God vs. 1-2
- WAS God vs. 1
- Made ALL Things vs. 3
- is the source of LIFE and LIGHT vs. 4
- SHINES in the darkness vs. 5

→Any man who claims to be the Savior of the World but KNOWS He is NOT is not a good teacher he is a horrible **LIAR**.

→If any man says he is the Savior of the World and really believes it even if he is NOT - that man may be Sincere but he is crazy. He is a **LUNATIC**.

→IF Jesus was telling the TRUTH about Himself and how we are saved then **HE is LORD**.

HOW did God SHOW His LOVE for us? ~ John 3:16-17

Words Words Words - I'm so sick of words - I get words all day through
First from him, now from you...

Don't talk of stars - Burning above - If you're in love - **Show me**
Haven't your lips - Longed for my touch - Don't say how much - **Show me**
Sing me no song - Read me no rhyme - Don't waste my time - **Show me**

John 3:16-17 (HCS) ¹⁶ For God LOVED the world in this way: He GAVE His One and Only Son, so that everyone who Believes in Him will not perish but HAVE eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not SEND His Son into the world that He might CONDEMN the world, but that the world might be SAVED through Him.

God...

- LOVED us
- GAVE His Son FOR us
- SENT Jesus to SAVE not Condemn

1 John 4:10 (NIV) This IS Love: NOT that we loved God, but that He Loved us and SENT His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Romans 5:8 (NIV) But God Demonstrates His own LOVE for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
⁸ But God PROVES His own love for us... (HCS) ⁸ But God SHOWED His great love for us... (NLT)

John 3:17-18 (NIV) ¹⁷ For God did not SEND His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to SAVE the world through Him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in Him is NOT condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son

How Should we RESPOND to God's LOVE?

John 1:11-12 (NLT) ¹¹ He came to His own people, and even THEY rejected Him. ¹² But to All who believed Him and accepted Him, he gave the right to become children of God.

God calls us to ACT on Truth of the Gospel we must...

- ADMIT our need
- BELIEVE He meets that need
- TRUST Him with our lives and eternity

Christmas is our chance to SHOW and TELL others about God's Love for them