

HIS IDENTITY ("The Word")

Who is Jesus of Nazareth? What does the bible say about Him?
John 1:1-18

1. He is the One who reveals God to man.

a. Jn 1:18, 14:8-9; Phil 2:5-11/Is 45:22-25, Col 1:15, 1 Tim 1:16-17, 6:16; 1 Jn 4:12 If you want to know what God is like, look to Jesus.

b. He is the Word - the tangible expression of who God is and what He does (Heb 1:1-3 - "God has spoken by His Son.").

2. Before time, He existed - (Jn 1:1, Gen 1:1, 17:5, Mic 5:2*, 1 Jn 1:2)

a. In the beginning was the Word ("I AM"), Gen 3:14 - He in uncreated and eternal.

b. He was with God (coexistent, "face to face," see also Jn 17:5).

c. He is God (Lit. - "God was the Word").

3. He is the Creator Jn 1:3

a. All things were made and sustained by Him. 1 Cor 8:6, Col 1:16-17, Heb 1:2, Jn 1:10). Without Him, not one thing came into existence.

b. He is light and life (Jn 3:18-20, 8:12, 14:6).

c. This dark world just does not, cannot "get" Him (Jn 1:11, 1 Cor 2:14, 1 Pet 4:4).

4. His coming was heralded (John the Baptist - Is 40:1-12)

a. He testified regarding Jesus that all might believe. (e.g., Matt 3, Lk 3).

b. He pointed people to the "True Light." But despite this,

* Jesus was in this world and yet rejected. The world that He made! (Lk 7:30, Act 13:46).

* Yet, to all who received Him, He gave the right to become children of God.

- Born of the Spirit.
- Born of God
- He is our focus.