

## **The Word**

I will be coming out of John chapter 1.

As you read the following passages, I want you to notice certain words that are in the bible to know what is being said and how it is being said. As a great example, when the bible is talking about, “The Living Word” which is Christ Jesus and I will show you that in a few minutes, the word, “Word” is spelled with a capital W.

When the bible is speaking of the written (which is the writing of the bible) or spoken word, the word, “word” is spelled with a small w.

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But Hold On, stay with me. I am going to show you that here in the word shortly.

The Bible say’s in John chapter 1 verse 1-2 “In the beginning was the Word, meaning the Word already existed from the beginning.

The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was already with God in the beginning”. *Who was already with God in the beginning? The Word.*

*Also notice the capital W.*

John 1:3-4 (KJV)

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

He was the source of life, and that life was the light for humanity.

John 1:5; And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

or the light shines in the dark, and the dark has never extinguished it.

God sent a man named John to be his messenger. John came to declare the truth about the light so that everyone would become believers through his message. John was not the light, but he came to declare the truth about the light. The real light, which shines on everyone, was coming into the world.

John 1:6-9 (KJV)

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man (meaning to shine on every man) that cometh into the world.

In verse 7 here is the word “light” which at times is spelled Light with a capital L. Whenever the bible spells this word, “light” with a capital L it refers to someone.

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John 1:10 (GW), He was in the world, and the world came into existence through him. Yet, the world didn't recognize him.

John 1:11-13 (GW) - He went to his own people, and his own people didn't accept him. However, he gave the right to become God's children to everyone who believed in him. These people didn't become God's children in a physical way—from a human impulse or from a husband's desire {to have a child}. They were born from God.

John 1:14-15 (GW) - The Word became human and lived among us. We saw his glory. It was the glory that the Father shares with his only Son, a glory full of kindness and truth. (John declared the truth about him when he said loudly, “This is the person of whom I

said, 'The one who comes after me was before me because he existed before I did.'")

What this is stating is that Jesus existed before John although John was born in the earthly form as a human before Jesus.

John 1:16-17 (GW); Each of us has received one gift after another because of all that the Word is. The Teachings were given through Moses, but kindness and truth came into existence through Jesus Christ.

You know one gives a gift because he's kind and kindness came into existence through Jesus Christ. The gift that he gave was eternal life to all who believe in him and obey him.

John 1:18 (GW) No one has ever seen God. God's only Son, the one who is closest to the Father's heart, has made him known.

John 1:19-22 (GW) This was John's answer when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" John didn't refuse to answer. He told them clearly, "I'm not the Messiah." They asked him, "Well, are you Elijah?" John answered, "No, I'm not." Then they asked, "Are you the prophet?" John replied, "No." So they asked him, "Who are you? Tell us so that we can take an answer back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" John said, "I'm a voice crying out in the desert, 'Make the way for the Lord straight,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

In John 1:23-34, John points back to a prophecy which was spoken about 780 years prior to John being born. The prophet in Isaiah 40:3 says: 3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Some of those who had been sent were Pharisees. They asked John, “Why do you baptize if you're not the Messiah or Elijah or the prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Someone you don't know is standing among you. He's the one who comes after me. I am not worthy to untie his sandal strap.” This happened in Bethany on the east side of the Jordan River, where John was baptizing.

John saw Jesus coming toward him the next day and said, “Look! This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘A man who comes after me was before me because he existed before I did.’ I didn't know who he was. However, I came to baptize with water to show him to the people of Israel.” John said, “I saw the Spirit come down as a dove from heaven and stay on him. I didn't know who he was. But God, who sent me to baptize with water, had told me, ‘When you see the Spirit come down and stay on someone, you'll know that person is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen this and have declared that this is the Son of God.”

In the above passage, John is stating to us who Jesus really is. John simply saying that while he was preaching in the wilderness, speaking out about the coming of the Lord, Jesus will come and when he does come, he will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. John say's that Jesus was before him because Jesus, being referred to as the Word, was actually here from the beginning. How?