

The Word is God
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John 1:1-3

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, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Words mean different things to different people/generations.

- Chaps: men/leggings, Catfish: fish/false personal profile, meat: solid food

What “the Word” mean to first hearers.....Greeks & Jews. John 1:1

- Greek = logos. abstract force that brought order/harmony to universe and controls everything. Plato quote 400 BC
- Jew: God’s spoken word that is His creative/redemptive power in action. Genesis 1:1 & 3, Psalm 33:6, 107:20, Isaiah 55:11

John gave “the Word” new meaning for both: Logos not impersonal reality, power, or concept but personal God who came into world in the man Jesus Christ. John 1:1-2, 1:14

- “Jesus, Messiah, and Christ” are His human names given after incarnation and refer to His saving work.
 - Word designated God the Son with respect to His deity.

Word WITH God (speaking of intimacy/fellowship not just in same place) and WAS God AT SAME TIME....

- God is triune – a difficult concept to grasp yet true. Genesis 1:26, Matthew 28:19, Mark 1:9-11
 - not a god (Jehovah Witnesses), not one God who acts like Father (OT) or Son (NT) or Holy Spirit (after Pentecost)...Modelism.
 - God is 1 God who exists in 3 distinct persons. Each person is fully God and yet He is not 3 Gods, but 1 God.

Deeds/words of Jesus are the very deeds/words of God. 1:1, 1:18, 14:9b, Colossians 2:9

- “Word was”— literally in Greek, “God was the Word.”
 - The fact that Jesus is fully God is foundational to the Christian faith and crucial to personal faith.

Like spoken word reveals unseen thought, the Word reveals invisible God.

- Began reveal Father through/in creation. Hebrews 1:1-2, John 1:3, Romans 1:19-20.
 - John goes back farther than Genesis 1.....before beginning of creation
 - Because Word existed before everything began (creation) He was then and is now outside of time and is thus eternal.
 - Another reason God knows the future 100% accurately.

- Everything that exists created out of nothing.....so matter is not eternal.

○ All things created through Him, so He is not created and has to be God
God spoke to men indirectly through creation, directly through Script, and personally through most human way possible.....incarnate God...the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Revealed Himself in person of JC so we see/believe because hard to believe.
 - Until we know God personally through Jesus Christ the Word, nothing else ultimately, permanently satisfy because you were created by and for Jesus Christ. Colossians 1:16, C.S. Lewis quote, Revelation 22:13

Jesus is first and most important, all-inclusive word of Father and His last word.

- Inescapable question through all time: Who is Jesus? Matthew 16:15 & 25, John 1:4a
 - Take away Jesus' deity and you take away His atonement for our sins.
 - If He is only a man, you can safely forget him. If He is God, yield your life to Jesus to find life and enjoy true eternal satisfaction in Him.