

John 1:1-5
We Go Way Back

1. In the Beginning 1,2

A. A Familiar Ring on Purpose

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”
Genesis 1:1 ESV

B. Making It Stick

C. The Word

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.” -Matthew 5:17-18 ESV

“Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.” -Luke 24:44-47 ESV

D. Infinite

“How completely satisfying to turn from our limitations to a God who has none.” AW Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*

“Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.” -Psalm 147:5 ESV

The Use of the be verb in John and what John Records in Revelation:

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” -Revelation 1:8 ESV

“And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.” -Revelation 11:16-17 ESV

He stands outside of time, yet the Scripture tells us:

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.” -Galatians 4:4-5 ESV

E. Jesus is God

“Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.””
John 8:58 ESV

“I and the Father are one.”” -John 10:30 ESV

“Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’” -John 14:9 ESV

2. All Things Were Made 2,3

A. He Was in the Beginning 2

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” -Colossians 1:15-17 ESV

B. All Things

“By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.”
Hebrews 11:3 ESV

“The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,” -Acts 17:24-27 ESV

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.” -Revelation 4:11 ESV

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.” -Romans 1:18-23 ESV

3. The Light 4,5

A. Life

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” -John 14:6 ESV

“And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.” -1 John 5:11 ESV

“When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.” -Colossians 3:4 ESV

B. Light of Men

“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.””
John 8:12 ESV

C. The Darkness Has Not Over Come It

“And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.”
John 3:19 ESV

“So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.” -John 12:35-36, 46 ESV

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. ***The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.***” -Isaiah 9:6-7 ESV

Reflection: Stop and think for a moment about Jesus being infinite. How does this affect your understanding of Him coming to earth the way He did the first time?

Follow UP in the Word through the Week...

Monday: Isaiah 9:6-7. When you consider the “zeal of the Lord”, who do we witness that in action as Jesus came to earth? Consider all of the gospel accounts?

Tuesday: Matthew 5:17-18. In what ways does Jesus fulfill what was written in the Law and the Prophets? How does this connect with John calling Jesus the Word?

Wednesday: Luke 24:44-47. What more does Jesus tell us in Luke 24 that helps us to understand more of who Jesus is in relationship to the Law and the Prophets?

Thursday: John 14:9. Jesus claims to be God in this verse and others. Believing this is essential to being a follower of Jesus. How would you express this to someone else?

Friday: John 14:6. Again, this is such an important verse to our faith. To say Jesus is “life” means what?

Saturday: John 3:19. Christmas is a time for celebrating light all around us. How does this match up with what Jesus says about Himself?