

# sermon notes

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December 22, 2024 | “God Enfleshed (Part 1)” | **John 1:1–5**

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## ***Who is Jesus?***

- 1) Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1a)
  
- 2) Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1b)
  
- 3) Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ (1:2–3)
  
- 4) Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (1:4–5)

## **Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:**

### **GO DEEPER**

How does John 1:1–5 echo Genesis 1? Why does John hark back to Genesis with his gospel? How is John’s gospel different from the other gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke)? How is his “infancy narrative” different than Matthew and Luke?

Who was the Apostle John? How did he have a unique vantage point from which to write about Jesus’s life? What did John believe about Jesus’s identity? Was Jesus a man? Was he God? Was he both? Support your view with Scripture.

Was there ever a time in which Jesus was not (i.e. when Jesus didn’t exist)? How do you know? What NT passages affirm your conclusions? What other Scriptures affirm the deity of Christ?

What do “light” and “darkness” represent in John 1:4–5? What does John mean by saying “In him was life, and the life was the light of men?” What life is he talking about?

### **GET PERSONAL**

Do you think about Jesus as God when you pray? Do you worship Jesus as God? Why is Jesus’s deity essential for our salvation? Read the following TGC article by Erik Raymond to help you with this question:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/erik-raymond/must-jesus-human-divine/>

### **PUT IT INTO PRACTICE**

Write out, in your own words, the Christian doctrine of the Trinity. For help with this, see the following article by Wayne Grudem:

<https://www.logos.com/grow/on-the-biblical-and-historical-doctrine-of-the-trinity-a-response-to-wayne-grudem/>

### **ADVANCED QUESTION #1**

What does John mean by calling Jesus “The Word?” Why did he refer to Jesus that way in this passage? How would this have been instrumental in communicating to both Jews and Gentiles?

### **ADVANCED QUESTION #2**

How is Trinitarian theology advanced in John 1: 1–5? How can a person (the Word) be both “with God” and “God” (1:2)? Is there any way to explain that passage without a fully developed doctrine of the Trinity?