

## Chapter 1

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High.  
Your hidden glory in creation.  
Now revealed in You our Christ.<sup>1</sup>

### 1:1-2

**In the beginning <sup>a</sup>was the Word, and the <sup>b</sup>Word was <sup>c</sup>with God, and the Word was <sup>d</sup>God.** We are told that the **Word** is deity, and yet, separate from what is commonly known as **God** to John's reader. **2 He was in the beginning with God.**

### 1:3-5

**<sup>f</sup>All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.** Twice, then, we learn that this "Word" was a part of the Creative force behind all that is. **4 <sup>g</sup>In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And <sup>i</sup>the light** the reader shouldn't pay too much attention to what is capitalized much. **shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not <sup>l</sup>comprehend it.**

### 1:6-9

**There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a <sup>k</sup>witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all** before we play gymnastics with this word (as well as "every" in verse 9 which is the same Greek word), and make it mean "all kinds," we need to remember 1:3 and see that it hardly brings us comfort to suppose that though "the Word" created "all things" He really only created "all kinds" of things. **through him might <sup>h</sup>believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that <sup>m</sup>Light.**

**9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. Every man is equally in the light.**

### 1:10-11

**He** the "Light" of verse 9 (instead of "John" of verses 6-8).

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQWFzMvCfLE> [accessed 2/25/18].

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 1:1; Col. 1:17; 1 John 1:1

<sup>b</sup> John 1:14; Rev. 19:13

<sup>c</sup> John 17:5

<sup>d</sup> 1 John 5:20

<sup>f</sup> Ps. 33:6; Col. 1:16, 17; Heb. 1:2

<sup>g</sup> 1 John 5:11

<sup>i</sup> John 3:19

<sup>l</sup> Or *overcome*

<sup>k</sup> John 3:25–36; 5:33–35

<sup>h</sup> John 3:16

<sup>m</sup> Is. 9:2; 49:6

**was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world** which He made (verses 2-3). **did not know Him. 11<sup>p</sup>He came to His own, and His<sup>4</sup>own did not receive Him.** As broadly as the Jewish nation and as narrow as His household (7:1-5).

### **1:12-13**

**But as many** beyond “His own” (1:11). **as received Him, to them He gave the right** the authority. **to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13<sup>r</sup>who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.** Not through their desire or choice. Behind our “receiving” (verse 12) was God’s choosing.

### **1:14**

**<sup>s</sup>And the Word** that “was God” (verse 1) and created all things (verses 2 and 3) **became<sup>u</sup> flesh and dwelt among us, and<sup>v</sup> we beheld His glory,** amazing given the chart under 1:16-18 since the countenance of Cain was fallen in Genesis 4 and now we look into the face of God and find glory.

**the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.** Used again in verse 17. He is full of these and brings them both.

### **1:15**

**John** This same guy that was introduced in 1:6 **bore witness of Him** the Word made flesh (1:14) **and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ ”** John is about 6 months older than Jesus (Luke 1) and that Jesus began His ministry at around 30 years old (Luke 3). So this is two 30 year olds talking like old souls. The author (also named John) is about 60 years older when he records this. This speaks to both the usefulness of the young and the old in the kingdom.

Both the author and the Baptist are cousins of Jesus through Mary His mother. They furthermore agree that Jesus is much older than His humanity (here and verses 1-3 and 14).

### **1:16-18**

**And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. 17 For<sup>b</sup>the law was given through Moses, but grace and<sup>d</sup>truth came through Jesus Christ.** This is the first mention of **Moses** and we should now think this is going to be a treatise how Jesus is better than **Moses**. We have already had it hinted since both the “Book of Moses” (Genesis) and John’s Gospel begin the same way. Here are a few other examples:

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<sup>p</sup>Is. 53:3; Luke 19:14

<sup>4</sup>His own people

<sup>r</sup>John 3:5; James 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:23; 1 John 3:9

<sup>s</sup>Matt. 1:16

<sup>u</sup>Heb. 2:11

<sup>v</sup>Is. 40:5

<sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:1

<sup>d</sup>John 14:6; 18:37

	Genesis	John
The way it begins	1:1	1:1
God begins with His Word	1:3	1:1
Life as light of men	1:5	1:4
Light shines in darkness	1:3	1:5
Came to his own	37:1-11	1:10-12
Multiplicity present at creation	1:1; 1:26	1:1-3
Beholding the glory of God	1-3	1:14
Both Creations begin with baptism	1:2	1:31
Angels ascending & descending	28:12-28	1:49-51
God provides a lamb	22:8	1:29
7 Days of Beginning	1-2	1:1-2:1
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God provides a lamb	22:8	1:29
Israelite indeed	32:28	1:47
"King of Israel"	49:10	1:49
Angels ascending & descending	28:12-28	1:49-51
7 Days of Beginning	1-2	1:1-2:1

These first few comparisons in the chart above show us that Genesis 1 was teaching us theology.

**18<sup>e</sup>No one has seen God at any time. <sup>f</sup>The only begotten <sup>8</sup>Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, Here is proof that this was written by John (some 50 years after the ascension, 3:13). He has declared *Him*. If we see Jesus, we see the Father (also seen in 14:9).**

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<sup>e</sup>Ex. 33:20; 1 Tim. 6:16

<sup>f</sup>Ps. 2:7; John 3:16, 18; 1 John 4:9

<sup>8</sup> NU *God*