

**Gospel of John – The Eternal Word**  
**Sermon 2- The eternal Word, & John his Witness**  
**John 1:1, 6-18**

**Question:** *Just who was Jesus Christ? Was he a prophet? A great spiritual teacher? Was he sent as an example of how we should live and love? Was he the founder of a new religion? Was he just a misunderstood itinerant preacher?*

v1, **The Word – Logos** – To the Hebrew, “the Word of God” is God's self-assertion of the Divine personality. To the Hellenistic Greek, “the Logos” was the rational mind that caused and ruled the universe. The Logos is logic, mind and reason.

**How to read John 1:1: In three parts:**



-**When:** The eternal **pre-existence** of the Word

-**How:** The eternal **subsistence** of the Word with God the Father,

-**What:** And the eternal **essence** or nature of the Word as Deity.

V6-8, John the Baptist: **John means: “God is Gracious”**. Sent from \_\_\_\_\_, came as a \_\_\_\_\_ so that all \_\_\_\_\_.

**John used courtroom terminology. In this Gospel, John calls eight witnesses to the stand re: Jesus' unique position:** (1) **God the Father** (5:37; 8:18), (2) **Jesus Himself** (8:14, 18), (3) **Jesus' works** (5:36; 10:25; 14:11; 15:25), (4) **the Scriptures** (1:45; 5:39, 46), (5) **John the Baptist** (1:7-8), (6) **those with whom Jesus came into contact** (4:39; 9:25, 38; 12:17), (7) **Jesus' disciples, including the Apostle John** (15:27; 19:35; 21:24), and (8) **the Holy Spirit** (15:26; cf. 1 John 5:6).

v11-12, The two responses: Received not, and received!

“Children of God” is **by birth** (John 3), “Sons of God” is **by adoption**. *John only uses the first, not the second in his gospel.*

V13, **Three kinds of births** that won't get ya there! 1) Genealogy/right family, 2) Bodily desires and appetites, 3) A husband (*andros*) wanting a baby.

**The only kind that will:** Born of God.

V14, The Word became human, flesh and bone, a man!

V16-17 The Law was **given**\* through Moses, grace and truth were **realized, actualized**\* though Jesus Christ.  
*\*two different words.*

V18, *No one has ever seen God in His Divine Spiritual Essence unveiled. But looking at Jesus, we see God explained perfectly!*