

The Word and John the Baptist

Lessons for this Series

1. John the Baptist's story shows how a person can understand and _____ his role in the Kingdom and then _____ it.
2. When someone looked at John the Baptist, they saw _____. What do people see when they look at _____?

The Scriptures

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3

Through him all things were made;

without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. 6 There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John.

The Name -- "The Word"

The _____. Why didn't John say "In the beginning was _____"?

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word,

The Word to the Hebrews: The _____ or message of God.

Gen. 1:3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Gen. 15:1 After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

Ex. 9:20 Those officials of Pharaoh who feared the word of the LORD . . .

Num. 3:16 So Moses counted them, as he was commanded by the word of the LORD. . . .

1Sam. 15:10 Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel: . . .

1Kings 6:11 The word of the LORD came to Solomon: . . .

The Word to the Greeks: The _____ between God and _____ . (logos)

Philo said, "The power of creation, the tiller by which God steers all things, the intermediary between the world and God, the priest, which sets the soul before God is this power that's floating around."

To the Greeks, the Logos represented the soul of the universe. It was the rational principle from which everything came, a creative stabilizing governing force of the universe.

The Nature of The Word

1. The Word was _____.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, . . .

John 8:58 "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"

2. The Word was "_____ God." (this means _____-to-_____)

Ex. 33:18 Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." . . . 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

1John 1:2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

3. The Word _____ . This is one of the most _____ phrases in _____ of the Bible!

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Remember: God is a plural word in Hebrew.

4. The Word was the _____ of all things. Nothing has ever been _____ that He didn't _____!

John 1:3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

Col. 1:16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

5. The Word was _____ and therefore _____. Our world is _____ and therefore _____.

The Word Became a Man

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

God took on the _____ of _____.

God lived _____ us!

Ex. 25:8 "Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.

Rev. 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

There are _____!

Who Knew?

John 1:5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. 6 There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John.

The Word came to give _____ to people in _____.

But the people in darkness didn't _____.

But one guy _____ it. His name was _____.

This man was _____ from _____!

By the way, John isn't the _____ one to see the Light . . .

There's a whole list of people!

John 20:8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

Remember:

God sends _____ too and He has a _____ for your _____ just as He did for the life of John the Baptist!