

In the Beginning



John 1:1–5 · This week: We Have Found the Messiah, John 1

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START

Matthew and Luke begin with Jesus’s family and birth. John starts before the world was made (John 1:1).

READ TOGETHER

John was a fisherman from Galilee, a son of Zebedee, and one of the Twelve Apostles (Matthew 4:21; 10:2). His Gospel opens with the same three words as the Bible (Genesis 1:1).

JOHN 1:1–4

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²The same was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

WHAT IT TEACHES

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God” (John 1:1). Long before Bethlehem, Jesus lived with his Father. When the plan of salvation was presented, he offered to carry it out and give the glory to the Father (Abraham 3:27; Moses 4:2).

“All things were made by him” (John 1:3). Under the Father’s direction, Jesus created

this earth and worlds without number (Moses 1:33). The stars, the oceans, and every living thing are the work of his hands.

“In him was life; and the life was the light of men” (John 1:4). The Creator later came to earth as a baby. He knows the world from the inside, because he made it and then lived in it.

This truth changes how we see the world around us. A sunrise, a mountain, or a newborn baby is the work of the Savior’s hands.

TALK ABOUT IT

John says all things were made by Jesus Christ. What part of his creation helps you feel his love most, and why?

TAKE TO CHURCH

John’s Gospel begins before the Creation, with Jesus as the Word who was with God. The baby born in Bethlehem had made the world he was born into.