

# John 1:1-5

## Introduction Thoughts On The Book Of John:

A. There was two predominate persons known as “John” in the N.T. How do we know who penned the “Book of John” (as well as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> John, and Revelation)?

1. There was “John the Baptist” (**Matthew 3:1**).
  - a. He was a great man (**Matthew 11:11-12**).
  - b. We will be talking about John the Baptist in the very first chapter of John (**John 1:6**, etc.).
  - c. John the Baptist died before Jesus did (**Matthew 14:1-12**).
  - d. Therefore, we know he could NOT have been the penman since the Book of John goes through the life and death of our Lord (**John 21:14**).
2. The John who penned this book is obviously the Apostle known as John (**Matthew 10:2**).
  - a. While John is the penman, the author is God (**II Timothy 3:16-17**).
    - i. Inspiration does not occur without the Father’s role (**John 14:23-24** and **John 17:17**).
    - ii. Inspiration does not occur without the Son’s role (**Hebrews 1:1-2**).
    - iii. Inspiration does not occur without the Holy Spirit’s role (**II Samuel 23:2**, **John 16:12-13**, **I Corinthians 2:9-13**, and **II Peter 1:19-21**).
  - b. Deity, in all three persons, worked together to bring us the truth (**John 14:26**).
3. No “argument” could be made that John (a.k.a. Mark) was the penman (**Acts 12:25**) as he was not with the Lord.

B. Any book of the Bible is profitable to study (**II Timothy 3:16-17**).

1. The book of John has a goal we read about in the end of this book (**John 20:30-31; 21:24-25**).
2. We’ll see a greater focus on the end of our Lord’s life than Matthew, Mark, or Luke offer.

## The Text of John 1:1-5:

**John 1:1-2** - *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.”*

- A. In the beginning (**Genesis 1:1**).
  1. Christ precedes the beginning of the earth (**John 17:5** and **Colossians 1:17**).
  2. The plan for Christ precedes the beginning as well (**Ephesians 3:8-11**, **II Timothy 1:9**, **Titus 1:2**, and **I Peter 1:18-25**).
- B. “The Word” is Christ (**John 1:14**).
- C. “The Word” was with God (**John 3:13; 16:28**).
  1. Heaven has three persons as deity (**Matthew 28:19** and **I John 5:7**).
  2. Christ was to return to the Father (**John 14:28; 20:17**) and He did so (**Acts 1:4-11**).

D. "The Word" was/is God (**John 10:30-33**; cf. **Hebrews 13:8**).

1. The Scriptures plainly declare the deity of Christ while He was on earth (**Matthew 1:23, John 5:16-17, John 20:26-29, Acts 20:28, Romans 9:1-5, and I Timothy 3:16**).
2. The Scriptures plainly declare the deity of Christ before and after He was on earth (**John 8:56-58, Titus 2:13, Hebrews 1:8-9, and I John 5:20**).
3. The works of Christ declare the deity of Christ:
  - a. Forgiving sins (**Mark 2:1-10**).
  - b. He taught that only God is to be worshipped (**Matthew 4:9-10**).
  - c. He accepted worship (**Matthew 8:1-4, Matthew 9:18, Matthew 28:9; 17, Luke 24:49-53, and John 9:35-38**), proving He is deity (**Acts 10:25-26 and Revelation 22:8-9**).
4. Think of **Hebrews 1:3**.
  - a. We are created in the image of God (**Genesis 1:27 and I Corinthians 15:45**).
    - i. In this manner, we have a spirit (**Genesis 2:7**).
    - ii. We are not deity equal to the Father, Son, or the Holy Spirit (**Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**).
  - b. Christ is the "express image" [5481: "*the exact expression (the image) of any person or thing, marked likeness, precise reproduction in every respect, i.e facsimile*" (Thayer)] of the person of God (**II Corinthians 4:3-4**).
  - c. In other words, Christ is one with His Father (**John 10:30**; cf. **Colossians 1:18-19**).
5. Jesus declared that if anyone had seen Him, they had seen the Father (**John 8:19, John 12:45, John 14:8-11, and John 15:24**).

**John 1:3** - *"All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."*

- A. You cannot have the creation without Christ (**Colossians 1:12-16 and Hebrews 1:10-13**).
- B. Nothing was made without the involvement of Jesus (**I Corinthians 8:6**).

**John 1:4** - *"In him was life; and the life was the light of men."*

- A. In Christ was/is life (**John 5:21, John 11:25, John 14:6, and I John 5:11**).
  1. Redemption is in Christ (**Romans 3:24**).
  2. All are made alive in Christ (**I Corinthians 15:22**).
  3. We are new creatures in Christ (**II Corinthians 5:17**).
  4. To summarize: All spiritual blessings are in Christ (**Ephesians 1:3**).
  5. The above benefits "in Christ" require us getting into Christ (**Galatians 3:26-27**).
- B. Christ is the light for men (**John 8:12, Acts 26:22-23, and Ephesians 5:13-14**).

**John 1:5** - *"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."*

- A. Christ shined in darkness (**John 12:46 and Acts 26:18**; cf. **Ephesians 5:8**).
- B. They knew Him not (**John 1:10, John 3:19-21, John 12:36-40, and I Corinthians 2:14**).