

Fake News/Real Jesus

Finding the Real Jesus in a Fake News World

Week #2: The Word — Was Jesus a good man? A wise teacher? A religious guide? A prophet? A god? Jesus' best friend answers this question in the opening words of Jesus' biography. Jesus was the Word, He was with God, and He was God. God communicates with us through Jesus, showing us the darkness of life without him and the bright light of trusting in Him.

- John 1:1-14 - *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 all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*
- John 20:31 - *But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is...*
- John 1:1-3 - ***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.*

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The real Jesus = **life** and **light**.

- 1 John 1:1,2 - *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 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.*
- Hebrews 1:1-3 - *In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.*

Points To Ponder

1. How will answering the question “Who do I want Jesus to be?” leave you in the dark when it comes to finding the real Jesus?
2. Discuss how finding and knowing the Real Jesus —> Real life. How might you use this section to introduce someone who is searching for something more than what their life has to offer?
3. We cannot know God without the written Word and we can't know God without The Word, Jesus. Because both are true, explain the importance of having a strong My Roots plan, especially a strong Grow Root. Share one way you are currently strengthening a Grow root or one thing you need to do to strengthen it.

Homework: John 1:19-51