

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God

John 1:1-2, 14

I. The WORD (Jesus) is revealed in the Word (Scripture).

A. *Jesus is the Word of God* (Rev 19:11-13)..

1. He is the **revelation** of God (Heb 1:1-3, Jn 14:6-11).
2. He is the **manifestation** of God (Jn 1:31, 2:11, Tit 1:1-3, 1 Jn 1:1-2, Tit 1:1-3, 1Jn 1:1-2, 4:7-9).
3. He is the **incarnation** of God (Jn 1:14, Gal 4:4-5, Heb 2:14-15).

B. *Jesus is revealed and made known in the Word of God.*

1. He is **foretold** and **foreshadowed** in the Old Testament (Isa 7:14, 9:6, 1 Cor 5:7, 10:1-6).
2. His **story** and **message** is told in the Gospels (Lk 1:1-4).
3. His life and message are **explained** and **applied** in the Epistles (2 Tim 3:16).

C. *The Word of God speaks the WORD of God.*

1. It speaks by the quickening power of the **Holy Spirit** (Jn 14:15-17, 16:12-15, Eph 1:17-19a, 2 Tim 3:16).
2. To those who are **hungry** and searching for **truth** (Isa 55:1-3a, Jn 7:37, 17, Psa 25:14).
3. To those who diligently **read** it and **study** it (2 Tim 2:15).

II. THE WORD OF GOD WAS WITH GOD IN THE BEGINNING (Jn 1:1-2, 1 Jn 1:2).

A. *The phrase with God denotes three things.*

1. Being together but **distinct** from one another
2. Being together as **equals** (Jn 1:18, Phil 2:5-11).
3. Being together **face to face**.

B. *Jesus wants us to have the same kind of relationship with the Father that He has* (Jn 17:5, 24).

1. It is a relationship of **transparency** and **intimacy** (Jn 12:3, Heb 4:12-13).
2. It is a relationship of **reciprocity** (Jn 17:20-23).

C. *How can we develop that kind of relationship?*

1. We already have it in Christ (Eph 2:4-6, Col 2:9-10, 3:1-4).
2. We also need to **grow up** into it (Eph 4:9-16, Heb 5:11-14, 6:1).