

Sermon Notes: Understanding the Logos in John 1 *Speaker: Pastor Josh* *Event: Wednesday Night Bible Study* *Date: 4/3/2024*

I. Introduction

- Focus on the Book of John, specifically the significance of the opening verses.
- Connection to the Book of Genesis to highlight the eternal and divine nature of Jesus as the Word.

II. The Concept of the Word (Logos)

- Definition and importance of Logos (John 1:1-3).
 - **John 1:1** - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
 - **John 1:3** - "All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made."
- Parallel to **Genesis 1** ("In the beginning..."), emphasizing the pre-existence and active role of the Word in creation.
- The Logos as not only speech but as the ultimate expression of God's essence.

III. The Word Became Flesh

- Explanation of the incarnation and its impact (John 1:14).
 - **John 1:14** - "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."
- The significance of God's truth and life becoming accessible to humanity.

IV. Light and Life through the Word

- Discussion on spiritual enlightenment and vitality found in Jesus.
 - **John 1:4-5** - "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."
- The role of Jesus as a beacon in spiritual darkness, illuminating the path to God.

V. Theological Implications and Application

- The Logos as central to understanding the universe's purpose against secular views of randomness.

- Encouragement to deepen the relationship with God through a clearer understanding of Jesus as the Word.
- Call to reflect on Jesus as the expression of God, influencing personal faith and broader theological insights.

VI. Conclusion

- Recap of the importance of recognizing Jesus as the divine Logos.
- Invitation to explore further the profound spiritual truths found in the Gospel of John.

Scriptural References

- **John 1:1-5, 14** - Discussion on the Logos, light, life, and incarnation.
- **Genesis 1** - Used to parallel the themes of creation and divine presence found in John.