

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible  
 Current Book: John – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today:

John 1:1-2 – *The pre-existence of the Lord Jesus Christ and His indisputable deity!*

Today’s Message:

“The Great I AM”



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we began one of the most important books of the Bible! We learned of the beloved disciple John and how his gospel account portraying Jesus Christ as God contains the very important records about His life and ministry. Today, we will see how God wastes no time getting into the most important details! The first words of John are some of the most powerful words ever spoken or written. The pre-existence of Jesus Christ and His undeniable **DEITY** are the focus today. As we believe, the doctrine of Jesus Christ is central to our **FAITH** and a heaven and hell issue. This is God’s message to you today...

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text John 1:1-2

#1. *The Eternal God* – the genealogy of Jesus Christ begins just like **GENESIS**.

**IN THE BEGINNING** WAS THE WORD... THE SAME WAS **IN THE BEGINNING**

✓ Jesus Christ pre-dates time; He is the *Alpha* and *Omega*, the **FIRST** and the **LAST!**

GREEK ALPHABET					
Αα ALPHA [a-] άλφα	Ββ BETA [b-] βήτα	Γγ GAMMA [g-] γάμμα	Δδ DELTA [d-] δέλτα	Εε EPSILON [e-] έψιλον	Ζζ ZETA [d-] ζήτα
Ηη ETA [e-] ήτα	Θθ THETA [t-] θήτα	Ιι IOTA [i-] ιώτα	Κκ KAPPA [k-] κάππα	Λλ LAMBDA [l-] λάμβδα	Μμ MU [m-] μυ
Νν NU [n-] νυ	Ξξ XI [k-] ξή	Οο OMICRON [o-] όμικρον	Ππ PI [p-] πι	Ρρ RHO [r-] ρή	Σσς SIGMA [s-] σίγμα
Ττ TAU [t-] τάυ	Υυ UPSILON [u-] έψιλον	Φφ PHI [f-] φι	Χχ CHI [k-] χι	Ψψ PSI [s-] ψι	Ωω OMEGA [o-] όμειγα

- In **Genesis 1:1**, God was... “*In the beginning* God...”
- In **Exodus 3:14**, God said, “*I AM THAT I AM...*”
- In **Isaiah 9:6**, Jesus is called, “*The Everlasting Father.*”
- In **John 8:58**, Jesus said, “*Before Abraham was, I am.*”
- In **Colossians 1:17**, “*And he is before all things...*”
- In **Isaiah 41:4, 44:6, and 48:12**, God said, “*I am THE FIRST, and I am THE LAST...*”
- In **Rev 1:11, 17, 2:8, and 22:13**, Jesus said, “*I am...THE FIRST and THE LAST...*”

**Revelation 1:11**  
 Saying, *I AM*  
**Alpha and Omega,**  
**THE FIRST and**  
**THE LAST...**

**NOTE** Jesus Christ is the eternal God, the great I AM, the one who was **BEFORE** all things. He is **not** a created being; He always was and always will be, God!

**2023 VISION:** *Hold the Fort!*  
*Making disciples and caring for souls!*

**#2. The Godhead – there is no doubt Jesus Christ and God are the SAME.**

AND THE WORD **WAS WITH GOD**, AND THE WORD **WAS GOD... WITH GOD**

**Genesis 22:8**  
And Abraham said,  
My son, **God will**  
**provide himself a lamb**  
for a burnt offering...

- ✓ In **1 John 5:7**, God says, “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”
  - The doctrine of Christ is founded on the truth that He is God. In the account of Abraham and Isaac in **Genesis 22:8**, it says, “God will provide **HIMSELF** a lamb...”

✓ There are 3 key Hebrew names ascribed to God in the Old Testament:

1. **Jehovah** – God’s most common name. It occurs 6519 times in 5521 verses. It is the name of the Supreme God amongst the Hebrews.
2. **Elohim** – Refers to God’s power and might. He is the Creator and Sustainer of all things. It is unique in that it is a plural reference to God. It occurs 2606 times in 2249 verses.
3. **Adonai** – Refers to God as Master and Owner. He is the Ruler over all things. It occurs 434 times in 419 verses.

✓ The KJV key to the names of God in the Old Testament (reserved **ONLY** for the one true God!)

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|-------------|---|----------------|
| 1. GOD      | = | Jehovah        |
| 2. LORD     | = | Jehovah        |
| 3. Lord     | = | Adonai         |
| 4. God      | = | Elohim         |
| 5. LORD God | = | Jehovah Elohim |
| 6. Lord GOD | = | Adonai Jehovah |
| 7. Lord God | = | Adonai Elohim  |

**The SAME Names**  
*Jesus and Jehovah are one and the same.*  
  
*Titles reserved only for Jehovah are applied to Jesus Christ!*

<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>OT Reference</u>	<u>New Testament</u>
<b>Deut 10:17</b>	<i>For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords</i>	<b>1 Tim 6:15; Rev 17:14; 19:16</b>
<b>Deut 32:3-4</b>	<i>The name of the LORD... He is the Rock</i>	<b>1 Cor 10:4; Rom 9:33; 1Pet 2:8</b>
<b>Isaiah 6:5-10</b>	<i>Mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts</i>	<b>John 12:37-41</b> (a direct quote)
<b>Isaiah 40:3</b>	<i>Prepare ye the way of the LORD</i>	<b>Mt 3:1-3</b> (no doubt Jesus)
<b>Isaiah 43:10-11</b>	<i>I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.</i>	<b>Tit 2:13; 2Pet 1:1</b> (our great God)
<b>Isaiah 43:25; 44:22</b>	<i>I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions</i>	<b>Mark 2:5-12</b> (vs.7 God only!)
<b>Isaiah 43:15; 44:24</b>	<i>I am the LORD that maketh all things</i>	<b>Jn 1:1-3; Col 1:16</b> (Creator)
<b>Jer23:5-6; 33:15-16</b>	<i>A King... he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.</i>	<b>Mt 2:2; 2 Cor 5:21; Phil 3:9</b>
<b>Joel 2:32</b>	<i>Whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD...</i>	<b>Acts 2:21; 4:12; Rom 10:13</b>
<b>Zechariah 12:10</b>	<i>And they shall look upon me whom they have pierced...</i>	<b>John 19:32-37; Rev 1:7</b> (wow!)
<b>Zechariah 14:1,3-5</b>	<i>And the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.</i>	<b>2Ths 1:7-10; Jude14; Rev19:11-16</b>

- ✓ Jesus Himself clearly **CLAIMED** to be Jehovah God. **Revelation 1:8; John 8:12-59; 10:22-33**
- ✓ Jesus willingly received **WORSHIP** as Jehovah God. **Ex 34:14; Lk 2:15; Mt 2:2; Jn 20:28**

**Exodus 34:14**  
*For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:*

**Godly men and angels refused to receive worship for themselves.** (Acts 10:25-26; 14:6-15; Rev 19:10; 22:8-9), **yet JESUS WILLINGLY RECEIVED WORSHIP:** by angels (Heb 1:6), by shepherds (Lk 2:15), by the wise men (Mt 2:2, 11), by a leper (Mt 8:2), by a ruler (Mt 9:18), by a woman (Mt 15:25), by the maniac (Mk 5:6), by the man born blind (Jn 9:38), by Thomas (Jn 20:28), by some Greeks (Jn 12:20-21), by His disciples (Mt 14:33; 28:9), and by the saints (Rev 5:11-14).

**Conclusion:** An honest, reasonable person must conclude ... JESUS IS UNDENIABLY **GOD!**