

1. John is a **missionary** using human language, "**Word**," to explain "**primal truth**" **Leslie Newbigin**, who Jesus is

- ☑ **WORD** in Greek usage = ult. reality
- ☑ **WORD** in Hebrew usage = Θ 's Word by which He creates, sustains, judges and delivers, **Wisdom**
- ☑ **WORD** in John's Gospel = Son of Θ , Second person of Trinity, who created and sustains all, who came to world, assumed human nature, lived, died, raised, ascended, etc., **Person**

→ **Claim?** This is primal truth that defines all reality, including you; calls for total re-orientation **My story**

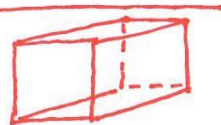
2. Θ is Triune

- ☑ **WORD** is w. Θ from the beginning, and was God.
- ☑ Jewish Monotheism

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C.S. Lewis, "Divine Dance"

3) **Great Overture** introduces themes of this Greatest of New Testament books **Overture**

But what does this ancient book, "Gospel" have for me today? **Matter?**

John's Answer = matters more than anything else!
John's purpose 20:31 "**life in his name**"; both eternal and abundant life... your biological life diminishing, dying, entropy = **LIFE** **Andrew Wyeth Exhibit**

☒☒ Danger to read this Gospel as "ho hum" story, not the radical, revolutionary message it was.

① Startling new truth claim

☒☒ In the beginning was the **Word** **Linger**

- and the Word was with Θ
- and the Word was Θ
- He was in the beginning w. Θ
- all things were made by him, and w/o him was not anything made that was made
- in him was life, and the life was the light of men

② Implications of this Truth Claim

1. As a truth claim, statement of ultimate reality you must either reject it or be redefined by it, there is no other option. Xity's message is utterly unique, not just another "religion." The truth claim means that love and relationship and community are the essence of the universe.

Where are you at w. this truth claim?

2. You are made by Θ who alone has life. You are made to "run" C.S. Lewis ON Θ , and apart from Θ there is no life; you are drying up, dying, running down... no use pretending it is otherwise, even more invite to Divine Dance
3. So how can you have life? You must go to the one who has life. The Son of Θ came to us that we might have life through Him. "Good infection"

⇒⇒⇒ Life eternal + abundant ▶ receive Jesus, believe on Him, etc.