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<u>Matthew</u> Apostle	<u>Mark</u> Servant	<u>Luke</u> Doctor	<u>John</u> Apostle
Jew	Roman	Gentile	Church
Messiah – King	Servant	The Perfect Man The Son of Man	God Incarnate
Genealogy, royal bloodline, son of David, son of Abraham	Servants don't need lineage, only references	Humanity Genealogy back to Adam thru Heli, Mary's father	Deity
Trespass Offering	Sin Offering	Peace Offering	Burnt Offering
Lion (of Judah)	Ox Symbol of service	Man	Eagle The eagle is the only creature who can look straight at the sun and not be hurt by the light.

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Stenographer – details, legal-like	Not chronological, fast paced, quick moving for the Roman mind • More miracles recorded in Mark than any other gospel • “And” used 914x 41x “immediately” “straightaway”	Focuses on the compassion and tenderness of Jesus	Proving that He was GOD
discourses, words of Jesus	Actions, deeds Historical present tense used 150x What Jesus did –vs- what He said	Who He was, how He acted, felt	7 wonders/miracles 7 “I AM” claims
	Photographer, painter		
	God is active God is reaching out God is taking the initiative		

The purpose of the Gospel, according to John:

- Jhn 20:30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;
- Jhn 20:31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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Jhn 1:1 In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God.

Jhn 1:2 He was in the beginning with God.

"Word" = Logos

- ▶ Something uttered by a living voice, speech, something said, communication
 - ▶ The sayings of God Himself, prophecy, instruction, teaching
- ▶ Reasoning, computation, Divine expression
- ▶ Both the act of speaking and the thing spoken
- ▶ **Isa 1:18** "**Come now, and let us reason together,**" **Says the LORD**, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool."
- ▶ **Psa 19:1** **The heavens declare the glory of God**; And the firmament shows His handiwork.
- ▶ **Psa 19:2** **Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.**
- ▶ **Psa 19:3** **There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.**
- ▶ **Psa 19:4** Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,
- ▶ **Psa 19:5** Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, And rejoices like a strong man to run its race.
- ▶ **Psa 19:6** Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

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Jhn 1:2 He was in the beginning with God.

- **1Jn 5:20** And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.
- **Jhn 8:56** Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad."
- **Jhn 8:57** Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"
- **Jhn 8:58** Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."
- *"In the beginning was the Word." There never was a time when Christ did not exist because the word "was" is in the Greek imperfect tense, which means "was continuing." In fact, the entire first verse bears this sense. "In the beginning was continuing the Word, and the Word was continuing with God, and the Word was continually God."*

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➤ Jesus Christ IS the WORD

- Rev 19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.
- Rev 19:12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.
- **Rev 19:13** He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.
- Isa 55:11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

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Jhn 1:1 In the **beginning** was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Jhn 1:2 He was in the **beginning** with God.

These 1st two verses ARE John's genealogy (c.f. Matt. 1-Mary to Abraham, Luke 3-Joseph to Adam)

Other great beginnings:

- **1Jn 1:1** That which was from the **beginning**, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—
- **1Jn 1:2** the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—
- **Gen 1:1** In the **beginning** **God** created the heavens and the earth.
- **Gen 1:26** Then God said, "Let **Us** make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
- **Joh 17:5** And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, **with the glory which I had with You before the world was.**
- **Rev 1:8** "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End*," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

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Jhn 1:3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS

- Col 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things were created through Him and for Him.**
- Col 1:17 **And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.**
- Col 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.
- Col 1:19 For it pleased *the Father* that in Him all the fullness should dwell,
- Rev 3:14 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, **the Beginning of the creation of God:**
- Rev 4:11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; **For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."**
- Psa 33:6 **By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,** And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.
- 1Co 8:6 yet for us *there is* one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; **and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.**

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Jhn 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SOURCE OF BOTH LIFE AND LIGHT

- **Col 3:4** When Christ **who is our life** appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.
- **1Jn 5:11** And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, **and this life is in His Son.**
- **1Jn 5:12** **He who has the Son has life**; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.
- **1Jn 5:13** These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, **that you may know that you have eternal life**, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.
- **Jhn 8:12** Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "**I am the light of the world.** He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, **but have the light of life.**"
- **Jhn 9:5** As long as I am in the world, **I am the light of the world.**"
- **Jhn 12:46** I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

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Jhn 1:5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

- **ESV Jhn 1:5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- **NLT Jhn 1:5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

THE LIGHT (JESUS) OVERCOMES DARKNESS

- **Jhn 3:19** And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light**, because their deeds were evil.
- **Jhn 3:20** For **everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light**, lest his deeds should be exposed.
- **Jhn 3:21** But **he who does the truth comes to the light**, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."
- **2Co 6:14** Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For **what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?**
- **2Co 6:15** And **what accord has Christ with Belial?** Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?
- **2Co 6:16** And **what agreement has the temple of God with idols?** ...

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Jhn 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

John the Baptist's purpose in life (from Zechariah's prophecy):

- **Luk 1:76** "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways,
- **Luk 1:77** To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of their sins,
- **Luk 1:78** Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;
- **Luk 1:79** To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace."

c.f. **Mat. 3:1-7** for more of an introduction to John the Baptist:

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

- **Mat 3:1** In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
- **Mat 3:2** and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"
- **Mat 3:3** For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS: 'PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD; MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.'"
- **Mat 3:4** Now John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.
- **Mat 3:5** Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him
- **Mat 3:6** and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.
- **Mat 3:7** But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

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Jhn 1:7 This man came for a witness, to bear **witness** of the Light, that all through him might believe.

“witness” = Martyria – to provide evidence, certification, declaration

- **a Judicial Testimony**

- **Jhn 5:31** "If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true.
- **Jhn 5:32** **There is another** who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true.
- **Jhn 5:33** You have sent to **John, and he has borne witness to the truth.**
- **Jhn 5:34** Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved.
- **Jhn 5:35** He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light.
- **Jhn 5:36** But I have **a greater witness than John's; for the works which** the Father has given Me to finish—**the very works that I do—bear witness of Me**, that the Father has sent Me.
- **Jhn 5:37** And **the Father Himself**, who sent Me, **has testified of Me**. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.

- **3 Witnesses:**

- Another = John the Baptist
- Greater witness = the works Jesus does by the Father
- The Father Himself has testified of Me

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Jhn 1:8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

- **Isa 40:3** The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God."

Jhn 1:9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world

- **Isa 49:6** Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; **I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles**, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.' "
- **Isa 49:7** Thus says the LORD, The Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, To Him whom man despises, To Him whom the nation abhors, To the Servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise, Princes also shall worship, Because of the LORD who is faithful, The Holy One of Israel; And He has chosen You."

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Jhn 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

- Heb 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,
- Heb 1:2 **has in these last days spoken to us by His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;
- Heb 1:3 who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
- Heb 1:10 And: "YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS."
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- Isa 1:2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the LORD has spoken: "I have nourished and brought up children, And they have rebelled against Me;
- Isa 1:3 **The ox knows its owner And the donkey its master's crib; But Israel does not know, My people do not consider."**
- Isa 1:4 Alas, sinful nation, A people laden with iniquity, A brood of evildoers, Children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, They have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, They have turned away backward.

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Jhn 1:11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

- Mat 13:54 When He had come to **His own country**, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this *Man* get this wisdom and *these* mighty works?"
- Mat 13:55 Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?
- Mat 13:56 And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this *Man* get all these things?"
- Mat 13:57 **So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."**
- Mat 13:58 **Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.**
- **Mat 27:20** But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.
- **Mat 27:21** The governor answered and said to them, "**Which of the two do you want me to release to you?**" They said, "**Barabbas!**"
- **Mat 27:22** Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" **They all said to him, "Let Him be crucified!"**
- **Mat 27:23** Then the governor said, "Why, what evil has He done?" **But they cried out all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"**
- **Mat 27:24** When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather *that* a tumult was rising, he took water and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see *to it*."
- **Mat 27:25** And all the people answered and said, "**His blood be on us and on our children.**"

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Jhn 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Jhn 1:13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

➤ **Received:**

- To take to one's self, to lay hold of and bring near
- To make your own
- Take possession of, to accept
- To take, choose, or select

➤ **Jhn 3:3** Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

➤ **Rom 10:9** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

➤ **Rom 10:10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

➤ **Rom 10:11** For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME."

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Jhn 1:14 And **the Word became flesh** and **dwelt** among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

➤ THIS IS JOHN'S CHRISTMAS STORY

- **Isa 7:14** Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.
- **Isa 9:6** For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

➤ The WORD (logos) became flesh

- **Php 2:5** Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,
- **Php 2:6** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,
- **Php 2:7** but made Himself of no reputation, **taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.**
- **Php 2:8** **And being found in appearance as a man,** He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

➤ **Dwelt:** tabernacled, a tent

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Jhn 1:15 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.' "

- Humility in our witness
- How could Jesus be before John if John was 6 months older than Jesus?
 - Jesus is ETERNAL
- **Jhn 8:56** Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad."
- **Jhn 8:57** Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"
- **Jhn 8:58** Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."
- **Mat 22:42** saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David."
- **Mat 22:43** He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'LORD,' saying:
- **Mat 22:44** 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, TILL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES YOUR FOOTSTOOL" '?
- **Mat 22:45** If David then calls Him 'LORD,' how is He his Son?"

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Jhn 1:16 And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

Jhn 1:17 For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

- The fullness of God's very nature IN the Son
- If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father
- Jesus IS God – fulness of Deity
- Grace and Truth -> Jesus Christ

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Jhn 1:18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

- **Exo 33:17** So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name."
- **Exo 33:18** And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."
- **Exo 33:19** Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."
- **Exo 33:20** But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."
- **Exo 33:21** And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock."
- **Exo 33:22** So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.
- **Exo 33:23** Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."
- There were preincarnate appearances of Jesus Christ – many
- Again – if you have seen ME, you have seen the FATHER
- Jesus came to reveal God to us in the most complete way....