

The SPIRIT of CHRISTMAS

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Word became Flesh

Jesus is _____.

“ In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God.”

~ JOHN 1:1-2 (NLT)

Jesus is _____ . (…the Word **ALREADY** existed,)

Jesus is _____ . (The Word was **WITH** God…)

Jesus is _____ . (…and the Word **WAS** God.)

Jesus is _____.

“ God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.”

~ JOHN 1:3-5 (NLT)

“ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.”

~ GENESIS 1:1-2 (NLT)

Jesus is _____ . (The Word gave **LIFE**…)

Jesus is _____ . (…and his life brought **LIGHT** to everyone)

“ God sent a man, John the Baptist, to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.”

~ JOHN 1:6-9 (NLT)

The Word _____.

“ He came into the very world he created, but the world didn’t recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn - not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.”

~ JOHN 1:10-14 (NLT)

Jesus is _____ . (the Word became HUMAN.)

“ We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life.”

~ 1 JOHN 1:1 (NLT)

Jesus is _____ . (...the Word WAS GOD.)

“ Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can’t see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.”

~ COLOSSIANS 1:15-17 (NLT)

SO WHAT?

Jesus is _____ .

“ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.”

~ JOHN 20:31 (NLT)

“ Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.” ~ JOHN 14:6 (NLT)

_____ is what makes _____ , _____ .

DISCUSSION Questions: COMMUNITY GROUP VIDEOS *available on the APP* |

- 1 - Who do people say Jesus is?
- 2 - Who do you think Jesus is?
When/How did you come to your understanding of that?
What questions or doubts do you have about Jesus?
- 3 - Read John 1:1-4 Jesus is described as ‘the Word’. Why do you think John uses this language?
- 4 - Read John 1:5-9 Jesus is described as ‘the Light’. How does this contrast with ‘the word’?
- 5 - Read John 1:10-14. What is required to be a child of God in this passage? Which is harder for you of these two requirements?
- 6 - How do you find your Christmas season veering away from Jesus? How can you steer it back?



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