

Jesus The Light of the World vs The Rights of The World

John 1:1-14 KJV

1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

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

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

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

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made 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.”

Introduction: I’m going to tell you a very familiar story, and I am going to add some theological and historical depth to it for the sake of the clarity of truth.

John whose scriptural commentary is not considered to be a part of the synoptic gospel catalogue. His writings do not present Jesus from any human genealogical form, but from his spiritually divine genetic code. John gives to us, a theological discourse and description of the Deity of Christ. His purpose is to prove to future, historical bible enthusiast and cultural religious critics, the truth that Jesus Christ is God. So plant this truth into his Gospel narrative, he begins by saying, In the **beginning** was The Word (**logos- the principle**

of divine reasoning and creative order); (the pre-existent one). The Word was **with** God (Theon). **With** is a preposition (pros). This implies mutual fellowship, and intercommunication. So the Son was with God and in a close personal relationship. The Word **was** God **equal in deity**. All Things (**panta**) were made by Him (**all means all created beings and things**) and **without Him was not anything made that was made. Genesis 1:1 God created**; the Word (**logos**) was the one Mediator in creation, through whom God the Father spoke the world into existence and formed man.

Four Divine Attributes of the Deity of Christ according to John 1:1-4

- 1. The eternality of Christ.**
- 2. The equality of Christ with God.**
- 3. The deity of Christ.**
- 4. The creativity of Christ.**

The word **create** in the Bible is always used with God as the subject. Man can only rearrange what is already there. Only God can create.

John 1:1-14 NLT

1 “In the beginning the **Word (logos)** already existed. The **Word** was with **God**, (Theon) and the Word was God.

2 He existed in the beginning with God.

3 God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.

4 The **Word gave life to everything that was created**, and his life brought light to everyone.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

The next few verses is what I call, a character narrative shift. The Apostle John inserts another character into this biblical discourse. John the Baptist. For the record, John the Baptist is not a derivative nor endorsement to the existence of the denomination of the Protestant faith or Baptist persuasion. He was John the one who baptized.

6 God **sent** a man, John the Baptist,

7 to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony.

8 John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light.

Luke 1:24-47 KJV

24 And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying,

25 Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.

26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

39 “And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;

40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.

41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

43 And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

45 And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.”

Now let's deal with this Light Revelation

9 The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him.

11 He came to **his own people**, and even **they rejected him**.

12 But to all who **believed him** and **accepted him**, he gave **the right to become children of God**.

Become: A transformative word that speaks to a particular process.

13 They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

14 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."

- **The Necessity of Divine Interruption:**
- **The Necessity of Divine Redemption:**
- **The Necessity of a Divine Relationship:**

The Negativity of Human Resistance and Rejection:

The strategy of darkness is to always resist light, even though it knows that it can't consume it or cast it out.

Rejection is not protection from the truth, just delayed reaction and false posturing looking for a favorable conclusion.

The Negativity of Human Religion:

**“Religion lives for position, posturing and platforms,
without biblical and spiritual alignment to the teachings of
Christ.”**

The Response of The Christian Community:

- **Reflectors of that Light versus Rebels and Resisters against that Light.**
- **Reformers of That Light: People who make changes to something in order to make it better.**

We change in order to help others change.