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- 2. The same was in the beginning with God.**

Introduction:

I. John's thesis in the Gospel According to John is: Jesus is the Christ, Messiah, the Son of God.

II. The complete thrust of the entire book is to prove the deity of Jesus!
John 20:31

III. Having convinced his hearers of the divinity of Jesus, they were then able to achieve eternal life through their faith.

IV. 1 Peter 3:15, But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. NIV

V. In determining the truth about Jesus, ask: 1. What do others say about Jesus? 2. What did Jesus say about himself? 3. What do his deeds say about him?

Commentary:

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I. In the beginning was the Word (Logos), Jesus Christ! Jesus the Word was with God. Jesus was deity. God, the Son, was with God, the Father, in a relationship of love and fellowship from the beginning.

A. John's purpose throughout his Gospel was to prove that Jesus was the Son of God, the long awaited Messiah.

B. Jesus came to the earth for the purpose of bringing about human redemption.

C. Man owes Jesus the utmost in worship and devotion.

II. Genesis and John begin with the same words, "In the beginning . . ."

A. Jesus was instrumental in the physical creation.

B. Jesus is central in the new creation.

III. Jesus is referred to as the *Word* in four references in the New Testament in the writings of the Apostle John.

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

B. John 1:14, 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.

C. I. John 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, of the *Word* of life;

D. Revelation 19:13, And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The *Word* of God.

John 1:2, The same was in the beginning with God.

I. The **Word** (Logos) was with God in the beginning.

II. Here is an emphatic reiteration of this basic truth! Repetition emphasized the importance of this fact.

III. “In the beginning” ties together three books of the Bible; viz.,

A. Genesis 1:1, In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

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

C. 1 John 1:2, That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the *Word* of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

IV. Jesus is the logos (**Word**).

A. Greek philosophers used *logos* to mean ideas which reside in the divine mind, the thoughts of the gods.

B. Philo, a Hebrew theologian, spoke of *logos* as a bridge between the transcendent God and the physical world, the connector.

C. In Jewish theology *logos* came to mean “an active force from God . . . that which caused a certain result.”

D. John presented Jesus as the living *Word* of God in human form.

V. Jesus is God.

A. Jesus, Paul, Peter and John claim that Jesus existed before his physical birth, that Jesus is God!

B. John 6:38, For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

C. John 8:42, Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me.”

D. John 16:27, No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

E. John 17:5, And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

F. 1. Corinthians 8:6, yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.”

G. Colossians 1:16, For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

H. 2 Peter 1:1, Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:

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Questions

1. In the beginning was the _____, and the _____ was with _____, and the _____ was God. The same was in the beginning with _____.

2. John contended: _____ is the _____, _____, the _____ of _____.

3. The Word (_____), _____, is _____.

4. John proved in his gospel that Jesus is the _____ of _____, the long awaited _____.

5. Jesus came to earth to bring _____.

6. _____ and _____ begin with the same words, "_____."

7. Jesus was instrumental, essential to the _____ and is central to the _____.

8. Jesus is referred to four times in the writings of John as the **Word**; viz., _____: _____, _____: _____, _____: 1, and _____: _____.

9. The word was from the _____ which, John said, we have _____, _____ with our _____, _____, _____, and our hands have _____, the _____ of _____.

10. Christ was with _____ _____
_____ !

11. "In the beginning" ties three Bible books together; viz., _____, _____ and _____.

12. Greek philosophers used *logos* to mean _____ which reside in the _____, the _____ of the _____.

13. _____, a Hebrew theologian, spoke of *logos* as a _____ between the _____ and the _____.

14. In Jewish theology *logos* came to mean an _____ from God which caused a _____.

15. _____, _____, _____ and _____ claim Jesus existed before his physical birth.

16. Jesus came down from _____ not to do his own will but the will of _____ who sent him.

17. Jesus said, "_____ came from _____."

18. Paul said, "... there is but _____, the _____ and but _____."

19. Paul also said, “. . . by him (_____) all things were _____, things in _____ and on _____, _____ and _____.

20. Peter said that through the _____ of our _____ and _____ we have received a precious faith.