

## The Word – Radio Show #5

I. The purpose of the gospel of John is to produce believers in the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the One anointed by God to be the Savior of the world, and that Jesus is the Son of God, God represented in human form.

II. The Word. John 1:1.

A. Compare Genesis 1:1. Created in the beginning, was in the beginning.

B. *Logos*=expression of a person. Greek philosophers. Jewish perspective. Exodus 33:20, 33:11a, I Samuel 3:7-8.

C. Not “a” God. *Koine* Greek “the” = subject.

III. John 1:2. Not created, but WAS.

IV. John 1:3. God=Creator and Judge. That means the Word WAS God.

V. John 1:4. Word the Source of life. Men = anthropos, humanity, only male by context.

VI. John 1:5. The Word is what enlightens the darkness.

VII. John 1:6-8. Introduction of John. Why is he brought in here?

A. John the Baptist. “There was” = “arose.” Suddenly. John the Baptist predicted 600 years before in Isaiah 40:3. Sent = apostello, with authority.

B. Third phrase does not fit John. John 1:31. Fits John the Apostle! John 20:31.

C. Who does the author think he is to make these claims? Needs credentials.

D. John refers to himself like someone else. John 13:23, 20:2, 21:20, 21:24.

E. He wants no mistake: he is not claiming to be the light!

VIII. The first five verses of John present an amazing picture of Jesus Christ as the Word, the true Expression of God. Our knowledge of God comes through Him, our relationship with God is developed through Him, and our faith in God finds its source in Him. May we all get to know the One Who is the Word!