

John 1:1-3

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) Virtually all-modern scholars agree that Jesus existed historically.
- 2) The revealing of Jesus forever changes people (on earth and for eternity).
- 3) *1:1* Jesus was not the first thing created; He is the origin and the chief one in authority.
- 4) *1:1* There was a point when the universe did not exist. There has never been a point when the Trinity (God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit) did not exist.
- 5) *1:1* Just as in Genesis 1:1, where there is no hint that God was created (“in the beginning God”), there is here no time, no phase, no imagined interval when the Word was not in existence or in relationship to God.
- 6) *1:1* The Word is not just the Greek understanding of an impersonal force or the Hebrew understanding of God’s actions. The Word is not removed from God. The Word is God.
- 7) *1:2* In profound humility; Jesus left the face-to-face relationship and intimacy with the Father when He came to earth as a man (Philippians 2:7).
- 8) *1:3* The present world is radically different from original creation. The catastrophic results of the fall affected not only the human race, but all creation.
- 9) *1:1-3* From this passage, we learn four things about Jesus:
 - Time of His Existence—“in the beginning”
 - Essence of His Identity—“the Word was God”
 - Relationship to God—“the Word was with God”
 - Relationship to the World—“all things came into being through him”

10) *John 1:14* God is so interested in your knowing Him and in your having relationship with Him, that He didn’t just send information, He sent Himself.

GREEK WORDS

Arche (ar-khay')—source, or origin, a commencement, or chief one in authority :- power, principality, rule(r)
 Pros ton theon—means far more than the Word existed; [gives] the picture of two personal beings facing one another, engaging in conversation

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