

First Church of God

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**Sermon Outline
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**“John’s Christmas Song”
John 1:1-3; 14**

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning.

³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen his glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

INTRODUCTION

(I Kings 8:27) – King Solomon’s Prayer “But will God really dwell on earth?”

I. JOHN’S CHRISTMAS SONG REVEALS THAT JESUS CHRIST WAS THE WORD. John 1:1-2

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

²He was with God in the beginning.

A. As the word, John states that one Lord is **eternal.**

The word has always been: **Jesus** was pre-existent.

This means:

- (1) Christ was there **before** creation.
- (2) He has **always** existed.

Point: "In the beginning....."

B. As the eternal word our Lord was coeternal and coexistent with God the Father.

Verse 1b – "and the word was with God"

Key: The word "with" has the idea of both being **with** and acting **toward**.

John elaborates on the deity of our Lord in His pre-incarnate state.

Verse 1c – "and the word was God."

John is saying that Jesus Christ... (Deity)

1. Is of the very **nature** and character of God the Father, but He **is not** the **identical** person of God the Father.
2. He is a **distinct** person from God the Father, but He is of the very being and essence (perfection) of God the Father.

(Col 1:15)

"He is the image of the invisible God, the first born over all creation."

II. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS SONG REVEALS THAT JESUS CHRIST WAS THE CREATED WORD.

John 1:3

³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

A. The Eternal Word was the agent through whom God spoke the world into being.

1. John states "through him all things were made..."

All things means every **detail** of creation.

- Each element and thing,
- Each being or **person** whether material or **spiritual, angelic or human** - has come into being by Christ.

The words "were made" = mean Came into **being or became**.

B. John's song reveals that creation was a "completed act."

Key: It is not a **process** but a finished product.

Key: The problems of the world are not due to God but are due to **sin**.

Key: The answer to the world's problems is not men and their technical skills, but **Jesus Christ**.

III. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS SONG

REVEALS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE INCARNATE WORD.

John 1:14

¹⁴The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen his glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

A. The word became flesh by the **Virgin Birth**.

Point: The word was a **real person** who could be seen, touched, and heard.

- B.** The word **lived** among us for a while (pitched His tent)
- C.** The Glory of God is revealed in the Incarnate Son.

"**Glory**" can be translated "Brilliance" or "Radiance"

CONCLUSION: