

NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH L.I.F.E BIBLE STUDY
Topical Study: THE GOSPEL of JOHN
SESSION ONE: THE WORD MADE FLESH (John 1:1-14)

A. In John 1:1 notice the very first three words, **“IN THE BEGINNING.”**

1. Within the three words we discover John’s intention. What was John’s intention?

B. JESUS is the WORD.

1. In the Old Testament, the **“WORD”** was understood theologically as personified **DIVINE WISDOM**. (Job 28:12-28; Pro. 8:1-5; 9:1-6)

2. When John calls **JESUS the WORD**, he called **JESUS** the embodiment of **ALL** of God’s revelation in scripture. (Matt. 5:17-20)

- In vss. 4,5 Jesus is the **LIGHT** of Men, and it’s the **LIGHT** that **SHINES** in the **DARKNESS**. (1 Pet. 2:9,10)
- In vss. 6-9 the **TRUE LIGHT** gives **LIGHT** to **EVERYONE**.(Matt. 5:14-16, 2 Cor. 11:10-15)

C. THE WORD WAS with GOD and the WORD WAS GOD. (vss. 2,3)

1. God spoke **CREATION** into being through **HIS WORD**. Therefore, the **WORD** (Jesus) existed before **CREATION** or **TIME**. (Col. 1:15-19; Heb. 1:1-3)

2. **“When the BEGGINNING BEGAN, the WORD (Jesus) was already THERE.”** (Rev. 1:8)

-QUESTIONS for REFLECTION-

1. How can we show Jesus to the people in our lives?

2. Do you know where to go in the Bible to point people to **JESUS**?

3. What is the most important thing you think people **NEED** to know about **JESUS**? And where you find that explained or illustrated in the Bible?