

## Introduction

### The Word was in the beginning (1:1-2)

How can the Word be God and also be with God?

Illustration from the last three years of David's life, when David and Solomon were co-regents

### Before Creation

### Creation by Jesus Christ (1:3-4)

*eternal life* (17×) 3:15-16, 36a; 4:14, 36; 5:24a, 39; 6:27, 40, 47, 54, 68; 10:28; 12:25, 50; 17:2-3

Believers acquiring/possessing *life* (16×): 3:36b; 5:24b, 29, 40; 6:33, 35, 48, 51, 53, 63; 8:12; 10:10; 11:25; 14:6; 20:31

God/Jesus possessing *life* (3×): 1:4; 5:26ab

John uses another word (*psuchē*) for mortal physical-life

### Creation

### Light Shone in the uncomprehending darkness (1:5)

### Post-Creation

### John the Baptist was sent by God (1:6-8)

### Shortly before Jesus' ministry began

To testify/bear witness (*martureō*); a witness (*martus*); testimony (*marturia*): 47 uses in 35 vss:  
1:7ab, 8, 15, 19, 32, 34; 2:25; 3:11ab, 26, 28, 32ab, 33; 4:39, 44; 5:31ab, 32abc, 33-34, 36ab, 37, 39; 7:7; 8:13ab, 14ab, 17, 18ab; 10:25; 12:17; 13:21; 15:26-27; 18:23, 37; 19:35ab; 21:24ab

To believe (to entrust\*): 100 uses in 86 verses:  
1:7, 12, 50; 2:11, 22-24; 3:12ab, 15-16, 18abc, 36; 4:21, 39, 41-42, 48, 50, 53; 5:24, 38, 44, 46ab, 47ab; 6:29-30, 35-36, 40, 47, 64ab, 69; 7:5, 31, 38-39, 48; 8:24, 30-31, 45-46; 9:18, 35-36, 38; 10:25-26, 37, 38abc, 42; 11:15, 25, 26ab, 27, 40, 42, 45, 48; 12:11, 36-39, 42, 44ab, 46-47; 13:19; 14:1ab, 10, 11ab, 12, 29; 16:9, 27, 30-31; 17:8, 20-21; 19:35; 20:8, 25, 29ab, 31ab

To repent: 0 uses in 0 verses

**The Word became flesh and tabernacled/encamped among witnesses (1:14) Incarnation and beyond**

The Greek word for tabernacled/encamped here is *skēnoō*. It is an intentional play on the Hebrew word *šākēn* (“to dwell in a tent”). In turn, the Hebrew word *šākēn* is closely related to the word *š<sup>ʿ</sup>kīnâ* (*Shekinah*).

He encamped/tabernacled among us—to whom does *us* refer?

John 21:24b

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What did they see, when they saw His glory?

**Conclusion**