

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Notes for July 19-20, 2003**

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**"The Word and Creation"**

**John 1:3-5**

What makes Jesus qualified to reveal God to man? First, what we learn about the Word and God in John 1:1-2 makes Jesus qualified.

We learned that the Word like God was eternal. We learned that the relationship between the Word and God throughout eternity was close. We learned that the Word was God.

Secondly, what we learn about the Word and creation in John 1:3-5 makes Jesus qualified.

John is telling us that all things came into being through the Word (John 1:3,10; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:1-2).

Though John 1:3 is the logical deduction from the statements made in the first two verses of John, those statements will not make sense to us unless we are able to accept the doctrine of the Trinity.

The doctrine of the Trinity simply teaches that though God is One, He exists in three persons.

If we understand the biblical doctrine of the Trinity, we know that the Scripture is equally correct when it says, "In the beginning God created" or when it says, "all things came into being by Him."

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Though the Godhead may share the same attributes and be seen as acting in unison, they differ in certain properties or functions.

The real workhorse in the Godhead in respect to producing all that exists was the Word.

The creation of the heavens and the earth is Christ's initial attempt, as the Word, to reveal God to all of mankind.

When we look out over the Antelope Valley at all of its natural wonders, we need to hear the voice of Christ lovingly and persistently seeking to reveal God to us in all of His majesty (Psalm 19).

If John 1:4 is read in the context of the first three verses, the terms "life" and "light" should initially be understood in respect to how those terms relate to creation.

When John said, "In Him was life," he meant to say that Jesus, or in other words, the Word is the source of all that is alive, physically and spiritually (John 5:26-27).

The life that was unleashed through Christ at creation was the first light made available to men to lead them to God and therefore, John says, "and the life was the light of men."

John uses the abstract noun "darkness" to refer to a concrete meaning. Darkness in this verse refers to fallen mankind, darkened by sin and unbelief.

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Hearing the voice of Jesus speaking through creation is more beautiful than even creation itself because it sets us on a path that can ultimately lead us to salvation.