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The Gospel of John

That Eternality of Jesus – John 1:1-2

How would you introduce Jesus to the world? Where would you start? What truth would you seek to convey first about Jesus? John's opening sentence focusses on the eternality of Jesus Christ. People would be familiar with Jesus as a human. They would incorrectly conclude that Jesus' beginning occurred at His birth. "In the beginning was the Word," immediately informs the reader Jesus existed long before His birth. John opens his gospel with this truth because the eternality of Jesus Christ directly relates to the salvation He offers.

Additional Verses:

Leviticus 16:6

Isaiah 55:9-11

Hebrews 1:1-2, 9:15-22

Jude 1:24-25

Outline:

1. Jesus Christ eternally exists.

2. Jesus Christ eternally exists in relationship with God.

3. Jesus Christ is eternally God.

Study Questions:

1. How is the introduction of John's gospel different from the other Gospels? Why does John's start this way?

2. Why is Jesus called the Word? What does this name tell us about Jesus?

3. What does the word "with" tell us about Jesus and God? How is this seen when Jesus is on earth? Why is this important?

4. Define the Trinity? Why does our atonement depend on God doing something? How does Jesus fulfill that requirement?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?