

“The Most Important Fact about Jesus”

John 1:1-18

When we grasp the truth about Jesus, the only wise option is to believe in Him and receive Him.

- **Truth #1: JESUS IS GOD.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
John 1:1-5 (English Standard Version)

Key Words in Verses 1-2

- “Word” = personification of Jesus as God’s self-expression or self-disclosure
- “Beginning” = Greek, *arche* = origin
- “With” = Jesus was and is distinguishable from the Father.
- “With” = God the Son enjoys an intimate relationship with God the Father.
- “The Word was God” = *Theos en ho logos* (Because “theos” [God] is at the beginning of the sentence, it emphasizes the fact that “the Word,” [Jesus] is God.)

Keys Concepts in Verses 3-5

- Vs. 3: The pre-existent Christ created everything. (See Colosians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:2.)
- Vs. 4: Jesus is the source of both physical and spiritual life.
- Vs. 5: Jesus is the only spiritual light that can overcome the darkness of sin.

- **Truth #2: GOD USES HIS PEOPLE TO BEAR WITNESS OF JESUS SO OTHERS MIGHT KNOW WHO HE IS.**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. John 1:6-8 (ESV)

- **Truth #3: BELIEF IN JESUS IS THE ESSENTIAL KEY TO BECOMING A CHILD OF GOD.**

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:9-14 (ESV)

“True” = Greek, *alethinon* = genuine

Prerequisites for Becoming “Children of God”

- Receive = Greek, *elabon* = entrust yourself to Jesus
- Believe = Greek, *pisteuo* = believing in Jesus, choosing to commit to Him
- Becoming a “child of God” changes your relationship with Him.

. . . you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children. Romans 8:15-16 (New Living Translation)

- **Truth #4: JESUS MAKES GOD KNOWN, OVERCOMING THE GULF BETWEEN GOD AND MAN.**

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known. John 1:16-18 (ESV)

“Grace upon grace” = old grace replaced with new grace

No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known. John 1:18 (New International Version) [emphasis, mine]