



## KEY SCRIPTURES

- **John 1:1-5**
- **Hebrews 4:12**
- **Colossians 2:6-10 (NASB)**
- **Philippians 2:1-11**

## VIDEO

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## BIG IDEA

**Who is Jesus?** Let's begin this study with **John 1:1-5**, "1 In the beginning was **the Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him, not even one thing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind. 5 And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it."

"The Word" here is the Greek word *logos*<sup>1</sup> and is defined as:

- *The sayings of God*

<sup>1</sup> Strong's Concordance: G3056

- *Old Testament prophecy was given by the prophets*
- *Doctrine, teaching*
- *The essential Word of God, Jesus Christ*
- *The divine reason or plan which coordinates a changing universe<sup>2</sup>*

This is important because we see that from the beginning, the Word, or Jesus, WAS! He was with God and was God, but if that wasn't enough, life was to be found IN HIM!

The definition of *logos* is also for understanding who Jesus is because it includes "Old Testament prophecy." Some scholars believe there are more than 300 Old Testament prophecies of Jesus. \*If you want to read more about these, check out [jesusfilm.org](http://jesusfilm.org).

How many times have you received a prophetic word, something that a person spoke over your life that encouraged, strengthened, or comforted you (**1 Corinthians 14:3**)? Perhaps you even had a prophetic word that informed you of things that would come to pass...and perhaps they did or didn't. Here's the thing, EVERY SINGLE PROPHECY about Jesus CAME TO PASS! Each one was fulfilled, and although we don't have time to cover the 300+ prophecies here, it is worth highlighting some of them to reveal and remind us of who Jesus is...

## WHO IS JESUS?

- 1. HE IS GOD WITH US.** (Isaiah 7:14 / Luke 1:35)
- 2. HE IS GOD OUR REDEEMER.** (Isaiah 42:1-4/Matthew 12:15-21)
- 3. HE CAME TO DO THE WILL OF HIS FATHER** (Psalm 40:6-8 / Hebrews 10:5-10)
- 4. HE IS OUR HEALER** (Isaiah 35:5-6 / Matthew 11:2-6)
- 5. HE HAS CONQUERED DEATH FOR US** (Isaiah 25:7-8 / 1 Corinthians 15:54)
- 6. HE POURS OUT HIS SPIRIT ON US** (Isaiah 44:3 / John 16:7)
- 7. HE HAS ALL AUTHORITY** (Isaiah 22:22 / Revelation 3:7)
- 8. HE ESTABLISHED A NEW COVENANT OF FORGIVENESS** (Jeremiah 31:31 / Matthew 26:28)

...and so much more!

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US TODAY?

- 1. HE IS ALIVE, POWERFUL, AND REFINING US:** Hebrew 4:12  
"The Word" in this passage is the same as John 1, '*logos*.' Hebrews is not only talking of the written words of God but also of his son, Jesus. He is ALIVE and

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<sup>2</sup> *Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy* (2nd ed): Heraclitus, 1999.

POWERFUL. Jesus is more relevant and necessary than we often give him credit for, and he is constantly refining HOW we live...if we would only allow him into those spaces.

**2. WE ARE CALLED TO WALK IN HIM:** Colossians 2:6-10 (NASB)

Your journey with Jesus is more than knowing who he *is*. He wants you also to choose to walk *in him*, *WITH him*. If we are to live in a way that shows the world who Jesus is and why they should follow him, something about our life should be so attractive that it exemplifies to them a life worth pursuing.

**3. HE SETS THE EXAMPLE FOR HOW WE ARE TO LIVE**

As Christians or *Christ followers*, we are called to live as he lived. He set the example, and he established the way:

**a. TO DO THE WILL OF THE FATHER:** John 5:19 NASB

**b. TO HUMBLY SERVE:** Philippians 2:1-11 NASB

**c. TO DENY HIM/HERSELF AND FOLLOW HIM:** Matthew 16:24-26, ESV

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. Whom has Jesus shown himself to be in your life?
2. How have you seen the *logos Word* refine you over time? Is there something he is working on right now that you might like to share?
3. What does *walking in Him* look like in your life? Is there anything about that you would like to see change?
4. What areas have you had to *deny yourself, take up his cross*, or his way of living? What have you learned from that?

## PRAYER/REFLECTION

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Take a moment to pray for one another's needs and reflect on the impact of this study on our everyday way of living.