



John 9:29 *“We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He is from.”*

There is a theme in the book of John of “who Jesus is.” John 14 has Jesus telling them that he and the Father in heaven are one. That the Spirit and Jesus are one. That is why the men in John 9 claimed to not know him. They could not recognize God because they did not lead Spirit filled lives. In John 1 it begins with “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” How eerily similar is that to the very beginning of the Bible, Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” John pegged Jesus as God, divine, and Spiritual early on.

Why does John say that Jesus is the word? Realize that John had special revelation with God. He wrote the last book of the Bible called Revelation. In my opinion there are several factors in play. The first is retrospect. John was close to Jesus during his ministry years. They call them the big three: Peter, John, and James. They were allowed to experience more of God through Jesus than the others. I feel that experience made John look at Jesus differently than most. The word of God embodied all that Jesus taught and was. Jesus was the living word of God. I think in retrospect: John saw that so clearly.

Secondly, “in the beginning” is an interesting use of the term. Why that one? Again, I bet John listened to Jesus. The book of John is quite a bit spiritual. Links to the Father, Son (Jesus),

and Holy Ghost are weaved throughout this book. They say that John wrote his gospel and the book of Revelation sometime between 90-100 CE.

Revelation 1:1-2 *“The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2 who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.”*

You can see in the two verses above that the Spirit of God affected John. I think that is why his gospel is quite different than the others. John (through the Spirit) was able to see the divine Jesus. I bet he had heard more stories. John 21:25 *“Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.”* This writer has more head and heart knowledge about Jesus.

Deuteronomy 8:3 *“He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.”*

I am sure that the Jewish John had heard many Old Testament verses as a boy. God’s word and law was drilled into him. John 6:35 *“Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”* Much of John’s gospel is in this frame of light. Jesus is light, the way, and bread. It makes sense that he would also call him the word. 1 John 2:5 *“But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him.”* This is John. He could see Jesus being the embodied word of God. You can tell in his writings that as Jesus kept his Father’s word, as we are to keep the words of His Son Jesus.

If you don't believe John then try another of the big three: Peter. 1 Peter 2:22 "*He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.*" We speak Godly words. We should look like Godly words in our actions. All three of Jesus closest disciples knew him. Jesus is the word to them. James (Jesus brother) also saw Jesus as the very word of God being played out in his brother's life. James 1:22 "*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*" They all saw Jesus as the word, living it out. To end this study, I'd like to mention the word itself. Throughout the gospels Jesus quotes the Old Testament. He knew the words from his Father to Moses and Isaiah. Jesus truly was the word of God by mouth, heart, and in his life. It's something we should at the very least be inspired to emulate in our own lives.