

Beginnings Famous & Endings

John 1:1

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

I really wonder if there is a bigger statement in the Bible? It says go reach the world in Matthew 28. We have the audacious claim that God created the world in Genesis 1. John 3:16 talks about the love of God. There are plenty more. Everyone has their favorite verse. Even unbelievers know at least one statement in the Bible. Yet, this one verse is piercing truth, controversial, and outrageous. Is it real or just pretty poetry? John 1:1 is as mysterious as it gets.

In the beginning the Spirit of God hovered over the waters. Some Holy man wrestled with Jacob in Genesis 32. Time after time something spiritual has appeared. There are theologians that say it is the Christ incarnate. Fancy term but it might mean that Jesus appeared in the past in another form. Is it true? Could it be right? The Bible does not say. Yet, John says Jesus was the word. That word in verse 2 is God from the very beginning.

So, how does John know? Well, I feel there is two ways. Did you know that John wrote Revelation? He was visited by God and was given things to write down. Secondly, John spent time with Jesus. Three years is a long time. How many things did John hear that are not in the Bible. In his last verse in John 21 he stated there were plenty that he never wrote down. Controversial? Convenient? Impossible? It's all those things and more.

At times Jesus just spoke Bible verses. At times he said he was Bible verses. Over and over Jesus seemed like the walking Bible. He obviously knew it better than some scholars. Even

at 12 he astounded learned men with his Bible knowledge. Jesus was the walking word of God. They call the Bible the living word. Why? It's because this word is used in far too many circumstances. One verse can relate to 12 things at times. It has no limitations to time or culture. The war of 1812 is recalled in War and Peace. It's probably as big as the Bible. Yet, it is centered in a time and a place. The Bible is too, but we can hear it speak to us across waters and time.

So, if Jesus claimed to be God then he would claim to know God's word. Throughout time God had recorded his history with People. His ways, thoughts, and direction has been saved in written form. Jesus came down and repeated some of it. He also showed those words in his actions. Obviously, that made an opinion and impression on John the writer.

This first verse of John is ridicules, yet, if Jesus is God then it's true. If Jesus was there in the beginning it's true. John met Jesus and believed what he saw and heard. He said he was there. John claimed to be a witness. It's possible that in the middle of the night around a fire Jesus told stories. He claimed to be there at the beginning. Why has this word survived thousands and thousands of years? That is a really good question.

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."