

Woodland Baptist Church
Morning Worship - February 10, 2013
John 1:1-5, The Word Was, With and Was God

1. **Vs. 1-2 God the Son and God the father are _____ yet _____ persons**
 - a. **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.**
 - b. *Beginning* [arche] - a point of time at the beginning of a duration
 - i. **Genesis 1:1-5** - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 And God said, “Let there be **light**,” and there was **light**. 4 And God saw that the **light** was good. And God separated the **light** from the **darkness**. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.
 - c. Whereas the first book of the Hebrew Scriptures began, early enough, with a divine _____ (in the beginning God made), the Fourth Gospel dares to begin with a divine _____ (In the beginning was...).
 - d. **Was the Word** - “Logos” - a communication whereby the mind finds expression - during the time of the Apostle John’s writing, Logos had several different meanings:
 - i. **Stoics** [Greek philosophy] - the rational principle by which everything exists and which is of the essence of the rational human soul.
 - ii. **Old Testament word** - “dabar”
 - iii. **Outward expression** - speech or message - which is why “word” is one of the most agreed upon translations.
 - iv. **Personification of wisdom** - Some scholars have suggested that Proverbs 8 that personifies wisdom can be related to what John is saying in his gospel. Read Proverbs 8
 - e. The Word of God is God himself in his _____ action; the Word of God is the _____ of God seen in creation, deliverance and judgment. It is the Word of God that gives understanding to the prophets concerning the mind and will of God. This thought of God’s illumination is developed and personified in the concept of ‘wisdom’, particularly in the book of Proverbs.
 - f. **Henry** - There is nothing we are more sure of than that we think, yet nothing we are more in the dark about than how we think; who can declare the _____ of thought in the soul? Surely the generations and births of the eternal mind may well be allowed to be great mysteries of godliness, the bottom of which we cannot fathom, while yet we adore the depth. **1 Corinthians 2:6-13**
 - g. **Thomas Aquinas** - In these first two verses John shows us:
 - i. When the Word was - In the _____
 - ii. Where he was - with God
 - iii. What he was - the Word was God
 - iv. What way or how he was - He was in the beginning with God.
2. **Vs. 3 Everything in the _____ was made for and through _____.**
 - a. **3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. [Creator]**
 - b. **Colossians 1:15-20** - 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and _____, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.
 - c. **Henry** - “God made the world by a word and Christ was the Word. By him, not as a _____ instrument, but as a _____ agent, God made the world, not as the workman cuts by his axe, but as the body sees by the eye.”
 3. **Vs. 4-5 Christ is the _____ of spiritual _____ and _____.**
 - a. [Seeking Revealer] **4 In him was life** [Incarnation/salvation], **and the life was the light of men.** [Revelation] **5 The light shines in the darkness,** [resurrection] **and the darkness has not overcome it.** [crucifixion]
 - d. **CLOSE - Hebrews 1:1-5** - Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these **last days** he has spoken to us **by his Son**, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.