

John 1:1-28

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John 1:18, NKJV

Readings this week:

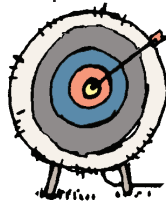
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- M John 1:19-28
- T 1 John 1:1-4
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What do you know about the apostle John?

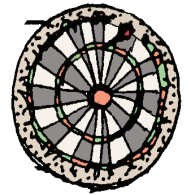
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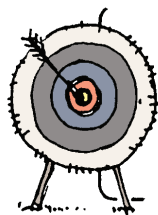
What was John's aim in writing the gospel? (John 20:31)



What is God's aim in giving his son? (John 3:16-17)



How might you benefit from studying it?



A word about the word

Some people use John 1:1-5 to try to prove the trinity, and some translations try to make it sound as if the Word is a person - Jesus.

The Greek word for 'Word' is logos. It means something that is spoken, and also the thoughts behind the words. John is referring back to creation, formed by the word of God (2 Peter 3:5). Now, in the Lord Jesus, there is a new beginning, a new creation, and all God's nature and power were 'made flesh' in him.

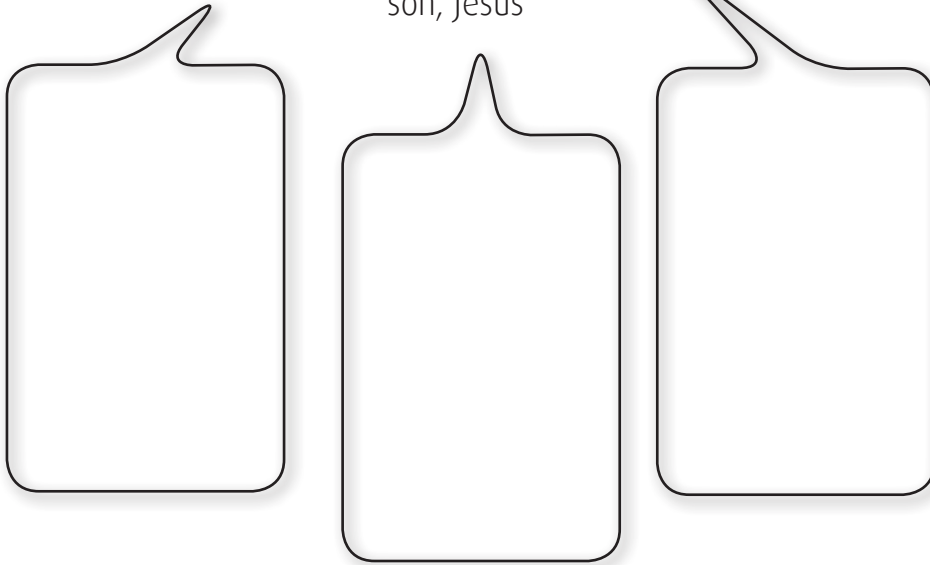
Similar language is used about wisdom in Proverbs 8:14-30.

What does God say about himself in

... the
creation

... his
son, Jesus

... the law of
Moses



The glory of God

Read John 1:14. What does it tell you about God and about Jesus?

Digging Deeper - the other John

In the lesson you have learned how Jesus is like God's voice. John 1 also refers to Jesus as the 'light'. Who is the 'John' that is referred to in John 1:6-9?

John is described as a _____ to the _____. Read how John did this in John 1:19-28

Verse 23 has a quotation from Isaiah. Use a Bible with references to find out exactly where this prophecy comes from. Now John is being described as a _____ calling in the _____

In next weeks lesson you will learn a bit more about how John helped prepare the way for Jesus.

[If you don't know about the birth of John the Baptist read Luke 1:5-23, 57-66.

Do you think Jesus and John would have known each other when they were growing up? (Luke 1:34-39)]

The word made flesh ...

... in the Lord Jesus

See how John 1:18 describes the relationship between God and the Lord Jesus. The NKJV translates it 'No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him'

... in David

Look at two examples from David's life to see how he showed 'the kindness of God' to Jonathan and his son.

1 Samuel 14:14

2 Samuel 9:3

... and in us?

See how 1 John 4:12 is almost the same as John 1:18. We can be a human form of God's word through the way we live and the things we do.

What can you do in the coming week to show God's word to others?

Thank
God for
sending his
son for us.