

Twenty-One Days With John

Day 1 – John 1

Prayer: Lord, Jesus Christ, You are the Word of God. You became flesh and became the most important Word ever spoken. By Your sacrifice on the cross, Your death in the tomb, and by Your glorious resurrection, You have become the Ultimate Word of grace for us. Send Your Holy Spirit. Open our hearts, our minds and our ears to receive You today. Amen.

Meditation:

He was there from the beginning of this world. He'll be there until the very end.

That's the message of John 1. In the opening words of His Gospel, Jesus' "Beloved" disciple, John, shares the Word with us. What is the "Word"? Nothing less than Jesus Himself. As the "Word", John describes how Jesus is the creator of all.

John recognizes the profundity of Jesus, the Word. In describing Jesus as the "Word," John unhesitatingly declares that Jesus is truly God. Not only are Jesus' words from God, but He Himself is the Word incarnate.

If God were to speak to you today, what would He say? What would God's Word be to you? Would He give comfort? Would He answer your prayer for direction? Would He provide peace in an unsettling situation? Would He finally provide the solution—or at least a way—to withstand an ongoing burden.

What word would God provide? He'd provide His Word of grace. He'd speak His word of love. Make no mistake. God doesn't just speak to us words. After all, words can be cheap. That's why God gave us Jesus Incarnate. Jesus was sent not merely to speak words of grace but to be God's eternal Word of salvation.

John's primary concern in this Gospel, and especially chapter one, is to give witness to this Word. The Word, Jesus, was sent from God. The Word, present since before creation, knows us because He created us. This Word, this Christ, this Chosen One of God, is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

That's the greatest message of John's Gospel. God's Word to us is Jesus. And Jesus' word to us is that He is the Word, speaking to us in love that He has taken away our sin...all of it.

Now that's a word...and Word...worth remembering! That is the Word of Life.

Prayer:

Jesus Christ, thanks for not just speaking to us with words. Instead, You came to be God's Word for us. In being made flesh, we have God's Word, God's promises made more sure. Because You are the word, we do not need to doubt God's promises. Help us to trust Your Words of grace. Help us to listen to Your Word. Even when we doubt,

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Lord, keep us steadfast—always—in Your Word. In the name of Christ who is our Word of Life we pray. Amen.

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