

# ***“The Preexistent, Preeminent, Powerful, Personal Word”***

## ***John 1:1-18***

I. Christmas is not about a \_\_\_\_\_. Christmas is about a baby, who is \_\_\_\_\_ in the flesh.

***John 8:21-24 –***

***John 7:40-43 –***

There will always be \_\_\_\_\_ and disagreement as to the \_\_\_\_\_ and identity of Jesus.

This phrase ***“in the beginning was the Word”*** directly refers to the preexistent \_\_\_\_\_ of the Word.

***Revelation 1:8 – Revelation 21:5-7 – Revelation 22:12-13 –***

This phrase ***“...and the Word was with God...”*** clearly speaks of the unique and distinct \_\_\_\_\_ that exists within the triune Godhead.

***John 17:4-5, 24 –***

This phrase ***“...and the Word was God”*** in Greek is “kai; qeo;V h;n oJ lovgovV” (kai theos ayn ho logos) literally

***“and \_\_\_\_\_ was the \_\_\_\_\_”.***

***Mark 4:41 –***

***John 14:3-11 –***

II. Christmas is not about \_\_\_\_\_ warm family memories. Christmas is about worshipping the \_\_\_\_\_.

***Colossians 1:16-17 –***

The Greek word here translated as ***“one and only”*** or ***“only begotten”*** is the Greek word “monogenh;V” (monogenes) and it does not refer to creation or origination but to \_\_\_\_\_ and status and uniqueness.

***Hebrews 11:17 –***

III. Christmas is not about \_\_\_\_\_ with others. Christmas is God's ultimate \_\_\_\_\_.

*Why didn't God say, "In the beginning was the Action"?*

*Why didn't God say, "In the beginning was Emotion or Passion"?*

***"In the beginning was the Word."*** This is so significant because of what this would have meant to John's \_\_\_\_\_ audience AND, more importantly, to John's \_\_\_\_\_ audience.

1) Consider John's Jewish readers.

*Genesis 1:3 –*

*Isaiah 55:11 –*

*John 6:38 –*

2) Consider John's Greek readers.

*Plato – "It may be that some day there will come forth from God a Word, a Logos, who will reveal all mysteries and make everything plain."*

3) ***"Grace and truth" "grace upon grace" "grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ"***

*What is the Moses connection???*

*Exodus 33:12-23 –*

*Exodus 34:1-8 –*

*John 6:26-36, 66 –*

*John 20:30-31 –*

**December 24<sup>th</sup>:**

"The Meta-Narrative: The birth of Jesus within the context of the history of the entire world."

**December 28<sup>th</sup>:**

IV. Christmas is not about putting \_\_\_\_\_ on your house. Christmas is about proclaiming the only \_\_\_\_\_.

V. Christmas does not highlight the \_\_\_\_\_ of man. Christmas highlights the \_\_\_\_\_ of man.

VI. Christmas is not about \_\_\_\_\_ gifts. Christmas is about the one and only \_\_\_\_\_ Gift.

