

## **Jesus: The Word of God Incarnate**

### ***John 1:6-18***

**Introduction:** We love mystery because underneath it all, we instinctively know that life is a mystery to be solved and a riddle to be uncovered. Albert Einstein said, "The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious." John, the Apostle, was no stranger to mystery. In his gospel he unlocks the greatest of all mysteries. He begins by going back before time and space, before Creation, outside of time and space to introduce us to a Person he calls The Word.

**What four secrets did John reveal about this Person he calls "the Word"?**

**Jesus is...**

**The world is ruled by two very different perspectives.**

1. The secularist believes that life is just a series of random events, with no deeper meaning or purpose.
2. The Christian believes that mankind and all that exists are the product of a thoughtful, infinitely intelligent and purposeful Creator.

**The Cosmic Mystery Revealed by John vs. 6-18**

**John the Baptist: The Witness about the Light vs. 6-8**

**Jesus: The True Light vs. 9-13**

1. The Coming of the Light vs. 9-10 *The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.*
2. The Rejection of the Light vs. 11 *He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.*
3. The Reception of the Light vs. 12-13 *12But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

**Jesus: The Word Became Flesh vs. 14-18**

1. The Miracle of the Incarnation vs. 14a *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.*
2. The Message of the Incarnation vs. 14b-17 *Glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*
3. The Meaning of the Incarnation vs. 18 *No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*

**Conclusion:** Jesus came to give you the one thing you cannot earn...but you can freely accept, a relationship with God. To be in His family.

Here's how: *To all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God John 1:12*