

# DISCOVER TRUTH FOR YOURSELF

## Lightning Study



### The Gospel of John, chapter 1: 1-18

1In the beginning was the **Word** and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2He was in the beginning with God.

3All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

4In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

5The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

6There came a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him.

8He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.

9There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

10He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

11He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

12But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

13who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15John testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me."

16For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

17For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

18No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

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### Who is Jesus?

The question is 2000 years old. They were asking the same question when He walked around on Planet Earth. A man? A good man? A prophet? A medicine man? A god? A myth? The God? The God-Man?

The world divides history into two parts based on His birthday. B.C. or before Christ, and A.D. or Anno Domini (Latin for 'in the year of the Lord'). Some people say your life, and for that matter your after life, will depend on how you answer the question, '*Who is Jesus?*'.

#### Follow the instructions and discover truth for yourself.

1. Read John 1:1-18 and circle **Word** including any pronouns (i.e. He, Him, His) which refer to Word. Did you notice any synonyms (other words or phrases) for Word?
2. Read John 1:1-18 again & circle any synonyms, just as you circled Word.
3. What did you learn about the Word? Look at each place you marked & make a list about what you see.

4. According to verse 1, who is He? How is He described?
5. What else do you learn about the Word from verse 14?
6. According to verse 14, what are the characteristics of the Word?

Read verses 14 - 18 & draw a box around the phrase **grace & truth**

#### Reflect:

Who is the Word?

What kind of response do you need to make in light of what you have discovered?

Have you received Him, are you a child of God, do you believe in His name?