

In the Beginning

June 11, 2022 / N Keith Shepherd

In the Beginning N Keith Shepherd

I. Introduction

John 1:1-18 (NLT) ¹In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He existed in the beginning with God. ³God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. ⁴The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. ⁶God sent a man, John the Baptist, ⁷to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. ⁸John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. ⁹The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. ¹¹He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. ¹²But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. ¹⁴So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. ¹⁵John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.'" ¹⁶From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.

II. In the Beginning

A. Jesus is .

John 1:1a (NLT) In the beginning the Word already existed.

Genesis 1:1 (NLT) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

John 1:1a (NLT) In the beginning the Word already existed.

John 1:1 (NLT) In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1. Jesus was God.

2. Jesus God.

John 1:2 (NLT) He existed in the beginning with God.

3. Jesus is the of everything.

John 1:3 (NLT) God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.

Genesis 1:3 (NLT) Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Genesis 1:6 (NLT) Then God said, "Let there be a space between the waters, to separate the waters of the heavens from the waters of the earth."

Genesis 1:9 (NLT) Then God said, "Let the waters beneath the sky flow together into one place, so dry ground may appear." And that is what happened.

Genesis 1:11 (NLT) Then God said, "Let the land sprout with vegetation..." And that is what happened.

Genesis 1:14 (NLT) Then God said, "Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years."

B. Jesus life.

John 1:4 (NLT) *The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.*

1. His life brings to everyone.

John 1:4-5 (NLT) ⁴*The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.* ⁵*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.*

2. His light darkness.

John 1:5a (NLT) *The light shines in the darkness....*

3. His light be extinguished.

John 1:5 (NLT) *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.*

a. Jesus was .

John 1:10 (NLT) *He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him.*

b. Jesus was .

John 1:11 (NLT) *He came to his own people, and even they rejected him.*

c. God became .

John 1:14 (NLT) *So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.*

d. God with us.

4. The One who life would also His own life.

III. Conclusion

John 1:12 (NLT) *But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.*