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Little Words, Big Meaning

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Today's Scripture: John 1:1-5, 14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not [a]comprehend it.

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

JOHN BEGINS BY REVEALING THE WORD

- John chose a dramatic way to describe the Savior. He called Him "The Word"
- *"In the beginning was the Word." John 1:1*
- *What is the first critical word? It is spelled T-H-E*
- "The" reveals the exclusive identity of Christ.
- *"the only begotten of the Father." John 1:14*
- Jesus came to be the one and only Savior of the World
- *"Born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11*

JOHN DESCRIBES HOW THE WORD CAME TO US

- *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." John 1:14*
- Our second critical word is **"became"**
- "the Word became flesh"
- Between Christ and God – no difference
- Between Christ and us – no difference
- "What good is it if Jesus comes to us but He really doesn't come from God? And what good is it if He comes from God but He doesn't really come all the way?"

JOHN SAYS JESUS HAS MADE GOD KNOWN

- *"No one has seen God at any time." John 1:18*
- You can't find God on your own
- The third critical word is **"declared"**
- *"The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him." John 1:18*
- Jesus shows us what God is like
- What is God like? He is just like Jesus

JOHN CHALLENGES YOU TO RESPOND

- *"As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to them who believe in His name." John 1:12*
- The final critical word is compelling. You must **"receive."**
- *"He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him." John 1:11*
- No one would be compelled to follow Him. It is a choice.
- Every believer is a person who has decided to receive Jesus as Savior and Lord.