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# [**John 1:1-5**](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%201.1-5)**– The Beginning, Creation**

[**1**](https://biblehub.com/john/1-1.htm)In the **beginning** was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word**was God. [**2**](https://biblehub.com/john/1-2.htm)He was with God in the **beginning**. [**3**](https://biblehub.com/john/1-3.htm)Through Him all things were made, and without Him nothing was made that has been made. [**4**](https://biblehub.com/john/1-4.htm)In Him was **life**, and that **life**was the light of men. [**5**](https://biblehub.com/john/1-5.htm)The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**Interesting Words**

##### ****beginning****

(ἀρχή – Greek) – arché [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/746.htm) the beginning, the origin, properly, from the beginning (temporal sense), i.e. “the initial (starting) point”;  
[Gen 1:1](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Gen%201.1), [26](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Gen%201.26); [1John 1:1](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/1%20John%201.1); [1John 3:8](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/1%20John%203.8); [2Thes 2:13](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/2%20Thess%202.13); [Heb 1:10](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Heb%201.10);

##### ****Word****

(λόγος – Greek) – logos [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/3056.htm) a word (as embodying an idea), a statement, a speech, divine utterance, analogy, the expression of a thought;  
[Matt 8:8](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Matt%208.8), [16](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Matt%208.16); [Heb 7:28](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Heb%207.28); [2Peter 1:19](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/2%20Pet%201.19), [3:5](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/2Peter%203.5); [Matt 7:24](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Matt%207.24), [26](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Matt%207.26); [Eph 5:6](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Eph%205.6); [Heb 4:12](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Heb%204.12); [Rev 19:13](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Rev%2019.13); [Col 1:15](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Col%201.15);

##### ****life****

(ζωή – Greek) – zóé [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/2222.htm) life, both of physical (present) and of spiritual (particularly future) existence, it always (only) comes from and is sustained by God’s self-existent life. The Lord intimately shares His gift of life with people, creating each in His image which gives all the capacity to know His eternal life… Life indeed –  
[John 5:26](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%205.26), [10:10](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2010.10); [1John 1:1](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/1%20John%201.1), [2](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/1John%201.2), [3](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/1John%201.3); [1Tim 6:17](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/1%20Tim%206.17), [18-19](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/1Tim%206.18-19); [1Peter 3:10](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/1%20Pet%203.10); [Luke 12:15](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Luke%2012.15); [James 4:14](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/James%204.14); [Rom 5:10](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Rom%205.10), [6:23](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Rom%206.23); [Deut 30:19](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Deut%2030.19); [Prov 8:35](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Prov%208.35); [John 6:63](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%206.63), [John 14:6](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2014.6);

**Cross References**

• [John 1:14](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%201.14)  
• [1John 1:3](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/1%20John%201.3)  
• [John 15:15](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2015.15)  
• [John 20:30](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2020.30), [31](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2020.31)  
• [Rev 2:7](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Rev%202.7)  
• [John 5:24](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%205.24)  
• [Matt 7:14](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Matt%207.14); [1John 5:11-12](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/1%20John%205.11-12), [1John 5:13](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/1%20John%205.13);  
    [John 11:25-26](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2011.25-26); [Acts 5:19-20](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Acts%205.19-20); [Rev 21:6](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Rev%2021.6);  
    [Rev 22:17](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Rev%2022.17);

**Discussion Questions**

Download questions to Word document (click here). Enter your answers, then meet with some friends to discuss. You can also compare your answers to mine for a virtual discussion… to return… back.

###### 1. ****What is the significance of John describing God’s initial creative act as being that of communication?****

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###### 2. ****What did the Word accomplish in these first few moments?****

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###### 3. ****What does the immediate context tell you about the Word?****

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###### 4. ****Looking at****[John 1:14](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%201.14)****(under cross references)…   How does this verse describe the Word?    Who was He?****

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###### 5. ****What does He offer to people today (note specifics in v.4 and v.5)?****

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###### 6. ****Consider also the other cross references… What does Jesus offer to mankind?****

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###### 7. ****What was John’s purpose in writing this gospel?****

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