

“The Word”

John 1:1-5, 14

It is impossible for us to know conclusively whether God exists unless He takes the initiative to reveal Himself. In the same way, it is impossible for us to know what God is like unless He reveals Himself. Suppose we knew He existed, but He was like Adolf-Hitler – capricious, vicious, prejudicial, and cruel. What a horrible realization that would be! However, God has revealed Himself in the Person of Jesus. The unique thing that sets Christianity apart from all other religions, is that one thing: The Word became flesh.

I) The Relationship With His Father.

- A) The relationship declared here is that Jesus and God are one and the same—It affirms His eternal nature.
- B) God and Jesus are co-creators and both are pre-existent.
- C) Genesis 1:26 of the creation story states, “let us make man in our image according to our likeness.”

II) The Witness Of His Contemporaries:

- A) John the Baptist was forceful, he was truthful and he would not compromise his message even for the King.
- B) Some said, “even the winds obey Him.”
- C) Others were witnesses to His moral character. He was without sin— Hebrews 4:15

III) The Behavior Of His Enemies:

- A) The record is very clear that Jesus’ greatest enemies were not the Romans nor the Samaritans but His own people.
- B) They crucified Him not because of what He did but for who He said He was.
- C) “And if the claim had no validity, then why would they kill him? He was either a liar, a lunatic, or Lord.” *C. S. Lewis*

IV) The Experiences Of His Followers:

- A) “Come see a man, He told me all I ever did.” John 4:29
- B) “I won’t believe unless I see the nail prints in His hand... My Lord and My God.”
- C) “I know men; and I tell you Jesus Christ is not man.”
Napoleon Bonaparte
- D) “For 35 years of my life... I believed in nothing. Five years ago, my faith came to me. I now believe in the doctrine of Jesus and my whole life went under a sudden transformation.”
Leo Tolstol
- E) Mary, His mother, was there when He suffered on the Cross. No mother could watch her child endure such injustice for a lie. If He was not virgin born, not God in the flesh she.....