

## John 1:1-5, Daily Devotions

### ☐ Monday - Christ, in the Triune Relationship.

John 1:1-2

Matthew's gospel traces Jesus' human lineage back to Abraham (Mt. 1:1-17), and Luke's gospel traces Christ all the way back to Adam (Lk. 3:23-37). But John's gospel contains no human lineage whatsoever, for the other gospel writers had already proven Jesus' true humanity, and His lineage from the royal line of King David. Rather, in the opening verses of his gospel, John traces backward, not Jesus' humanity, but His deity. John looks back before Abraham (John 8:58), before Adam, before time; back in eternity past, before there was anything but God (John 17:5). He writes, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God" (John 1:1-2). At the outset, John shows us Christ in the Trinity: Jesus is God and with God at the same time! The apostle wastes no time trying to build up to a crescendo; no, he starts us out on the mountain top, and shows us Christ in all of His glory, before time began. Dear Christian, fall on your face! Worship Christ: He is your Lord, He is your King, and He is your God!

Read John 20:19-29

### ☐ Tuesday - Christ, The Wisdom of God.

John 1:1

John writes, "In the beginning was the Word [Greek: *logos*], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). At His incarnation, they called Him Jesus (Mt. 1:21), but from all eternity He was the Logos. Yet this name of Christ has a much broader meaning than "word," as is translated in our English text. Within the context of our passage, *logos* refers to the fullest revelation of God's wisdom and will. Christ is the Word, the *logos*, "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:2-3). Herein lies the beauty of God's will -- God doesn't just give me a map and then tell me to find my own way; no rather, Christ, the wisdom of God, lives inside of me and says, "I am the Way" (John 14:6).

Read 1 Corinthians 1:24, 30

### ☐ Wednesday - Christ, The Creator.

John 1:3

Of God the Son, John writes, "All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being" (John 1:3). Who was it that said, "Let there be light"; and there was light? (Gen. 1:3). Who made heaven and filled it with angels? Who created the sun, the moon and stars and set them all in their places? And who was it that made man in His own image? Dear friend, it was Christ, the Word. He said, "Let there be..." and there was. "Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all stars of light! ... Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created" (Psa. 148:1-5). Dear Christian, enter into all Creation's praise!

Read Colossians 1:16, 17

### ☐ Thursday - Christ, The Life.

John 1:4

Here, the apostle teaches us that God the Son doesn't just give life (cf. John 5:21), He IS life: "In Him was life" (John 1:4). Everyone would love to have eternal life, but not everyone wants Christ. Yet the two are one in the same. "And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life" (1 John 5:11-12). Christ does not give a man eternal life so that he can live independent of Christ. Rather, He gives Himself and says, "I am the life."

Read John 11:25, 14:6

### ☐ Friday - Christ, The Light.

John 1:5

Isaiah prophesied, "The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them" (Isaiah 9:2). This world is full of darkness, men and women living their lives without purpose, without meaning, existing not living, a living death. Into this meaningless existence, Christ shines as a beacon of hope to reveal God and to reveal life. "In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men" (John 1:5). Christian, walk as children of light (Eph. 5:1-12)

Read John 8:12