

**JOHN SERIES #2:
The Man With A Past That Is Out Of This World
Jn. 1:1-3, 14
Grace Community Church
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1. SCRIPTURE:

- a. Jn. 1:1-3, (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.
- b. John 1:14, "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."

2. INTRODUCTION:

- a. Jn. 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

3. ACT ONE OF SALVATION (in Eternity Past):

a. THE SON WAS SANCTIFIED TO BE THE SAVIOR

- i. Revelation 13:8, "All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of THE LAMB SLAIN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD."
- ii. 1 Pt. 1:19-20, (19) but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (20) He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you

b. SINNERS WERE SELECTED FOR SALVATION

- i. Ephesians 1:4, " ... just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love"

c. CHRIST'S GENEALOGY:

- i. #1: HIS ETERNALITY (John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.")

1. HE PREEXISTED HIS INCARNATION

- a. John 6:62, “[What] then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?”
- b. John 8:23, “And He said to them, “You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.”
- c. John 16:28, “I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”

2. HE PREEXISTED THE CREATION OF ALL THINGS

- a. John 17:5, “And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.”
 - b. John 17:24, “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”
 - c. Jn. 1:1, “In the beginning WAS the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”
 - i. WAS is in the Imperfect Tense in the Greek denoting continuous action in past time
 - ii. Lit., “WAS already continuously existing”
- ii. #2: HIS INTIMACY WITH THE FATHER (Jn. 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word, and THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, and the Word was God.”)
- 1. WITH denotes intimacy with God
 - 2. There are several ways to say WITH in the Greek:
 - a. *meta* (WITH in the sense of “in the society of”): Matthew 1:23, “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, ‘God with us.’”
 - b. *sun* (WITH in the sense of “in union with”): 1 Corinthians 14:26, “How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come TOGETHER (lit., “together with”), each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.”

c. *en* (WITH in the sense of “in the bosom of”): 1 Corinthians 4:21 “What do you want? Shall I come TO you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?”

d. *para* (WITH in the sense of “near to”): Matthew 4:13, “And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is BY the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali”

3. Jn. 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was WITH (*pros*) God, and the Word was God.”

a. *pros* is the most intimate way of saying “with” in the Greek language

iii. #3: OMNIPOTENT

1. John 1:3, “All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”

4. ACT TWO OF SALVATION (Incarnation of Christ):

a. John 1:14, “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.”

i. Christ is described as the “WORD,” which denotes “communication”

ii. The mouth must express the heart, Luke 6:45, “A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”

iii. WORDS express thoughts (of the mind) and feelings (of the heart) that would be unknown otherwise

b. Jn. 1:18, “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has DECLARED Him.”

i. DECLARED

1. Gk., lit., “to lead out”

2. The word EXEGETE comes from this word (ministers EXEGETE Scripture. They “lead out” the truth of the passage.)

3. Christ came to EXEGETE the Father

- c. Jn. 1:14 says that the One who came to EXEGETE the Father “was made flesh”—that is a very remarkable thing because:
- i. REASON #1: GOD IS A SPIRIT (Jn. 4:24)
 - ii. REASON #2: “Flesh” denotes that “thing” to be sacrificed for the sins of man
 1. Lk. 1:35, “And the angel answered and said to her, ‘(The) Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One [is neuter in the Greek, i.e., “thing”] who is to be born will be called the Son of God.”
- d. John 1:14, “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.”
- i. DWELT is not the common Greek word for “dwell” (*oikeo*).
 - ii. John used the Greek word *skenoō*, which is a verbal form of “Tabernacle”
 1. Brazen Altar (where sacrifices were made)
 2. Laver (wash basin)
 3. Lampstand
 4. Altar of Incense (Golden Altar)
 5. Table of Showbread
 6. Ark of the Covenant
- e. John 1:14, “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.”
- i. The GLORY OF GOD was inseparably linked to the Tabernacle
 - ii. God is Omnipresent, Proverbs 15:3, “The eyes of the LORD [are] in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.”
 - iii. God has chosen at certain times to manifest Himself in a particular place
 1. Tabernacle, Ex. 40:34, “Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.”

2. **Cloud, Ex. 40:38, “For the cloud of the LORD [was] above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.”**

iv. Scripture attests to the deity of Christ

1. **Mt. 1:23, “Behold the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,’ which is translated, ‘God with us.’”**
2. **Col. 2:9, “For in Him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily...”**
3. **Romans 1:20, “For since the creation of the world His invisible [attributes] are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, [even] His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse”**
4. **Phil. 2:6-7, (6) who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, (7) but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.**

5. CONCLUSION:

a. Are you saved?

- i. **George Barna research says that half of people who attend Protestant churches on Sunday mornings are not saved**

b. Verses:

- i. **Acts 4:12, “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”**
- ii. **Jn. 14:6 “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”**
- iii. **Mt. 7:21-23, (21) “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. (22) Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ (23) And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’**