

## Jesus is our Creator

John 1:1-4 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

### ❖ What is Christmas About?

- Christmas is about telling the world some very important things...
- **Christmas is a time to let the World know....**
  - 1) Who their God is 2) Who Made them 3) Tell them About Eternal Life
  - 4) Remind the world there is darkness, and we have all been part of it...
    - But... there is a light that will outshine the darkness
- **Christmas is a declaration to the World that all of these massively important matters**
  - Are all answered in Jesus Christ!
  - This makes Christmas such a Huge Time each year...
- **This also shows us that John 1:1-5 are verses that are very practical for us...**
  - Because they really get to the heart of who we are as people...
  - It digs down deep into the important matters in the lives of people...
- **Every year... People lose their way... they battle with sadness,**
  - They battle with self worth, they battle with addictions and identity
  - People do not even know who they are at times
  - People battle with dysfunctional families
  - People lack hope... People are looking for answers in things that never satisfy
- **I Believe these 5 verses are an answer for those things...**
  - Knowing Jesus... Truly knowing who Jesus is... is the remedy for our troubles
- **Today... I want to focus our Attention on the reality that Jesus is our Creator**
  - He is more than a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger
  - He is more than the first 6 letters in Christ-mas
  - He is Our Creator... And what I would like to do is:
    - See John 1:1-5 in light of Jesus as Creator...

### ❖ Outline (Let's Look at our Outline and see how it is connected)

- 1) Jesus is Creator God
- 2) Jesus is Maker of All Things (Main Focus Today)
- 3) Jesus is the Source of Life
- 4) Jesus is Origin of Light
  - **One More Thing:** These 4 points are fundamental to who Jesus is...
    - If you get any of these wrong... you do not get Jesus...
    - These are truths that one must believe to receive Jesus
    - When you hear in the scriptures something like:
      - ◆ John 1:12 But to all who did receive him, **who believed in his name**, he gave the right to become children of God,

➤ You see... we must believe on Jesus as He truly is... So massively important

▪ **Why do I emphasize this? Well... for one... this is why John wrote this book...**

- ◆ John 20:31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

❖ **1) Jesus is Creator God**

- **"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God.**

➤ **We See Three Things Here... After you realize that the "Word" is in reference to "Jesus"**

- We see that Jesus was: 1) In the Beginning 2) He was with God 3) He was God
- I want us to focus briefly on that One Big Thing... that Jesus is God

➤ **The World... and the powers behind it... wants nothing more than for you to get this wrong**

- The Evil One is fine with you believing in Jesus...
  - Believe that He was a great man with great teachings... But, let's not believe He is God
  - Let's not believe that as God... He became a man to die on our behalf...
  - Don't believe these things...

➤ **Logically... The Scriptures explain this to us straightforwardly...**

- In so many places, Jesus is referred to as God directly or indirectly... But logic only goes so far
- We need the help of the Holy Spirit to believe this...
- Because the darkness spoken of in verse 5 wants to hide this truth from us

➤ **Jesus is God... Much more than a great man with great teachings...**

- **Hebrews 1:3 <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature**

▪ **1) What is the radiance of something...**

- It is as one writer says, **the effulgence of something...**
  - ◆ Which means: to shine forth, the shining

▪ **2) Exact Representation**

- What is in mind here is the impression made by a stamp for a seal...
  - ◆ Obviously, this translation only gives us a starting point for understanding this mystery
  - ◆ Jesus is not a reproduction of God, rather...He is the imprint of God for all things..
  - ◆ And HE is the EXACT Representation....
  - ◆ **Col 1.15 says "He is the image of the invisible God."**

▪ **3) Nature - hypostasis**

- Nature, or substance: actually best translation is subsistence
  - ◆ **2B the substantial quality, nature, of a person or thing.**
- **JESUS IS THE ACTUAL EXISTENCE OF GOD!**

➤ **JESUS SAID OF HIMSELF**

- **John 12:45 "He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me.**
- **John 14:9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"**
  - He goes on to say:
    - ◆ **"I am in the Father and the Father is in Me" – John 14:10**

➤ **Finally... Why else does the Bible explain the making of man like this:**

- **Genesis 1:26 <sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.**
- "Our" is a plural pronoun... describing more than one person...

- He is speaking of the Father, Son and Spirit...

➤ **Jesus is God... and must be believed on as such... or you're believing in something else.**

## ❖ 2) Jesus is Maker of All Things

- <sup>3</sup>All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.

➤ Before we go much farther... I want to share a couple more holy scriptures with you

➤ **1) Only God can be a Creator** of something out of nothing, this verse reminds us that the Lord Created

- Psalm 33:6 <sup>6</sup>By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

➤ **2) Jesus Himself is the Creator**

- Hebrews 1:2 <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

➤ **What all did He make...?**

- The word for "all" in the Greek is "pas" and it means.... "All" ... Everything...
- This point should humble you before him today

➤ **Jesus, the Creator of all things**

➤ **Made:**

- **Original language: "ginomai"**
  - To come into being, to happen, to become...
  - So all things that came into being, came into being through Jesus Christ the Son of God
    - ◆ NASB translates this verse" **"All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being"** (John 1:3).

➤ **The ability to create belongs to God alone**

- He creates everything from nothing.... Simply by speaking.
  - **God spoke, and it was.**
  - Jesus is the Word of God.

➤ **Creator of more than what we see**

- **Heb 1.2b "through whom also he created the world"**
- **The Common Greek word for world is Kosmos**
- But in Hebrews we see the word aionas used
  - Meaning ages...
  - Meaning Jesus created much more than just what we see.
  - Time, energy, space along with matter have been made by and through Christ.

➤ **Consider the vastness of our universe.**

- If you could somehow put 1.2 million earths inside the sun,
  - you would have room left for 4.3 million moons.
- The sun is 865,000 miles in diameter and is 93 million miles from the earth.
- Our next nearest star, Alpha Centauri, is 5 times larger than our sun.
- The North Star is 400 trillion miles away, but is still nearby in relation even to known space.
- The star Betelgeuse is 880 quadrillion miles (880 followed by fifteen zeroes) from us.
  - It has a diameter of 250 million miles, which is greater than that of the earth's orbit.

➤ **The Milky Way**

- Billions of stars
- 2,500 years to count them 1 sec at a time
- There are billions of galaxies... (that we know of... only that we know of)

➤ **Why is the Universe so BIG...?**

- **Scientists and Arm Chair Scientists believe it is so there can be other inhabitable planets..**
  - So we can have some aliens with big eyes...?
  - U can believe in them... I think its funny and doesn't make sense to me biblically...
  - But it is not a big deal if you believe in them... I'll think it is funny until I get abducted...
- **The universe is so big because God uses it to show us How Great He is...**
  - **Psalm 19:1-4 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. 2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. 4 Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,**

➤ **Man should know this, consider this and live this**

- **Romans 1 – offers an inward look into heart and mind of man...**
- **Romans 1:19-23** <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.
  - Do you see how the darkness of evil spread by Satan has come over men?
  - Men ignore that He even exists.... Instead of admitting we come from a Greater being...
  - We instead believe we came from “nothing, that became matter, that became living”

➤ **Application: What is the point here?**

- Isn't it obvious....? That you know who He is... that you know His Greatness...
- That you submit yourself to him as creature to the creator
- John is making a point be reiteration...: <sup>3</sup>All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.

❖ **3) Jesus is the Source of Life**

- <sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

➤ **Jesus: Life: 2 Ways this is True**

▪ **1) Source of All life**

- **Life comes from Jesus....**
  - ♦ **“In Him was Life”**
  - ♦ I think this is so neat.... We can trace the beginning of Life back to its source....
- **The Universe was given life by Jesus... by the Word of God...**
  - ♦ The Life that is in the grass and all plants... given by Jesus
  - ♦ The Life within your dog or cat... given by Jesus
  - ♦ The Life within all animals and insects... given by Jesus...
  - ♦ The Life within YOU... is given by Jesus
  - ♦ The life given to your children... is given by Jesus
- **This is the difference b/w what we believe and a culture that believe in evolution**
  - ♦ **From Life all things came into being** vs **From nothing and lifeless matter came life...**
- **Life flows from Jesus... From God comes All Life...**

- ◆ It is His to give...
- ◆ Which means it is also His to take... (Which is why this next point is so important)

## ▪ 2) Source of All Spiritual Life

- 1 John 5:11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
  - ◆ Eternal life is more than just life on this earth
  - ◆ All men have been granted some portion of life on this earth
  - ◆ Only in Jesus is there eternal Life
- John 10:28 <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.
  - ◆ Jesus tells us plainly that He is the giver of eternal life...
  - ◆ And when He gives life, it never ends...
  - ◆ And No one can take it away...

### ➤ Application:

- What a beautiful gift from our Creator God... the gift of Life...
  - Every time you breath or wake up or know your heart is beating...
  - Know that it is a gift from Almighty God... and stop... and give thanks!
- And... if you have never received this eternal life... it is offered freely to you today...
  - Just come to Jesus... Repent... and place your faith in His Name.

## ❖ 4) Jesus is Origin of Light

- <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

➤ Verse 4 ends like this: "and the life was the light of men."

### ➤ Light – What does He mean?

- All light comes from Christ... but I think John is writing about something more specific

### ➤ Light for your Spirit

- It is easy to understand what He is meaning by light by reading the verse...
- the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

### ➤ The Darkness... we see that darkness is contrasted with light...

- This gives us a clearer understanding of what he means by light
- Darkness is what has come over mankind so that His God given desires
- Have given way to lust and rebellion and Have been turned on its head
- In the beginning when Adam and Eve (first two people) Sinned...
- Mankind fell... (this is not a fairytale... You can see the results all around you...)
- From that point on, we have lived in a darkened world...
  - 1 John 5:19b .... and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

### ➤ Now... Allow the Light we see with our eyes Illustrate this light spoken of here in John

- The Light We See with our Eyes...Radiates throughout the Universe:
- And the Universe is filled with Dark – places...
  - Dark Matter – Scientists are not sure what it is, they just call it dark matter...
- But light breaks through that so what would be unseen is now seen
  - Planets and Moons and Rocks and Stuff out there...
- On Earth, the Sun brings forth its light to radiate our world so we can see...

- We can flip a switch in our home to go from darkness to light...
- **IN The Same Way... The light from Jesus comes to man...**
  - The light of Jesus Christ illuminates the darkness of our soul
  - Jesus said: **John 12:46 "I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.**
- **Spiritual Light has Shined into the Darkness of our Souls...**
  - The light comes in and we can now see the "filth that needs to be cleaned"
- **Cockroaches – They love the dark... they come out in the dark...**
  - When you flick on the light.. they all scatter and hide...
  - Jesus shines a light on the cockroaches that have invaded the Human soul...
- **Why do you need this light from God?**
  - **As a Non – Christian**
    - You currently live in a darkness over your soul that needs to be illuminated...
    - You are blind to the fact you have sinned against God and need His forgiveness
    - You can not see clearly where you are headed... You need this light
  - **As a Christian**
    - You still live in a land of darkness... surrounding you on all sides...
    - You need His light daily to grow in God-Like-Ness
- ❖ **Invitation – God Wants you to Know Him and Grow in Him**