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**A Portrait of Jesus**

**Names that Reveal His Nature: The Word**

**John 1:1-18**

**The Purpose of John’s Gospel is Clear: It is to Answer the Most Important Question Ever Asked,**

**“Who is Jesus?”**

**The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name. John 20:30-31**

**John wants us to KNOW who Jesus is and BELIEVE in Him so we can have ETERNAL LIFE!**

**Words are the way we communicate our thoughts and our hearts with people.**

**Jesus is the PREEXISTENT WORD.**

**In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. John 1:1-3**

* **He is ETERNAL.**
* **He is DIVINE.**
* **He is ALL-POWERFUL.**

**Jesus is the INCARNATE WORD.**

**So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son. John 1:14**

**God became a man!**

**No one has ever seen God. But the one and only Son is himself God and is near to the Father’s heart. He has revealed God to us. John 1:18**

**Jesus is the SAVING WORD.**

**The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. God sent a man, John the Baptist, to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He came into the very world he created, but the world didn’t recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him.**

 **But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. John 1:4-13**

* **He was REVEALED to all.**
* **He was REJECTED by many.**
* **He was RECEIVED by some.**

**Have you recognized the WORD?**

**Have you received the WORD?**