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The Logos of God

John 1

Last week, we examined the importance of the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ. Our conclusion: If Jesus was not virgin born, then it was a great _____ but he was just another _____. If, however, He was Virgin Born, He is incredibly significant. Drawing conclusions is important and when doing so going to primary sources is crucial. The primary source is Scripture. _____ and _____ reveal details about his birth, _____ reveals details about His _____ and _____. John's approach is that he reveals the mystery of His Being, He who became the God-Man. That is the foundational truth for today. He externally was and is God.

I. John's _____: He's _____ 1-3

John gives us the theological explanation for the coming of Jesus. One author suggested that John 1:1-18 is actually a _____ of _____. John reveals in these verses that Jesus' _____ didn't begin in Jerusalem. John's opening words

quickly take us back to Genesis 1:1. John's first point regarding the _____ of Jesus Christ refers to His _____ being. The deity of Christ has long been attacked for centuries and continues today as well. One noted author, Arius, postulated in 325AD that Jesus was a _____ being. These first 18 verses clearly refute that. The DaVinci Code novel presents the idea that the church didn't teach the deity Christ until the _____ century. To believe that is to completely ignore John 1:1-18. To make it mean what you want, you merely need to alter the translation. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was ___ god." Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons, as well as many others, render this verse in this fashion. Doing this turns Jesus into a divine creature but not _____. However, if John has wanted to promote a divine Jesus, but not Deity, he easily could have chosen a different Greek word.

John used a profound term to define Jesus. He called Jesus the _____. The Greeks were fascinated by this LOGOS. What John did was to build a bridge between the Greek philosophical world and Jewish culture. The Greeks wondered about how order was

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in the world and what was keeping the world of kosmos from turning into chaos? What kept the stars on their course? What controls the seasons? One Greek philosopher, _____, who lived from 428-347BC, stated “it may be some days that there will come forth from God a _____, a _____, who will reveal all mysteries and make everything plain.”

In a stroke of divine genius John takes the word _____ and solves it. The very logos of God has come to earth as a man and we have seen him. (Boice).

Jesus came then with answers to great questions and He does today as well. A well known psychologist wrote that human beings are faced with what he called 3 unsolvable dilemmas: 1) Life vs Death
2) The Individual vs the group and 3) Aspirations vs Achievements

The message of Christmas reveals answers to these “unsolvable” dilemmas.