

“WHAT IS THE WORD?”
SERMON OUTLINE FROM JOHN 1:1-29

John 20:31 - “Reason for writing the gospel”

I Who is the Word of God? – 21:24; 1 John 1:1-4

- A 1:14, 16-18 John identifies the “Word” as Jesus Christ, the One and Only, full of grace and truth
- B 1:1-2 Jesus Christ, the “Word” is eternal Genesis 1:1-2
- C 1:1 “Word” was actually God, 3rd member of Godhead
- D 1:1-2,14 Jesus is “One and Only” Person distinct from God the Father, yet one with Him - John 10:30, 14:9-11

II 1:3,10 Jesus co-created the world in beginning with God the Father and Holy Spirit – 5:19; Heb 1:2

III John the Baptist shows Christians’ true role – witness about Jesus, not self

- A 1:6-8,15 God sent John to prepare for Jesus’ coming
- B 1:19-25 God prophesied messenger would come through Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1
- C 1:29 Jesus is God’s Lamb who takes away world’s sin

IV Jesus offers spiritual life and light to every person

- A 1:4-5, 9-11 Many choose darkness (evil-rejects God) as refuse to believe, receive Jesus, who is God’s light
- B 1:12-13 Everyone who believes in, receives Jesus as a gift from God becomes God’s child - **not good works**