

John 1:1c

“Introducing the Fully Divine Son of God!”

INTRO- *What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. (Eccl. 1:9)*

How does church history help instruct the contemporary church as we seek to maintain our gospel witness in a dangerous world full of false teachers and ½ truths? (1 John 2:18-19)

Just how important is genuine “Faith” and “Biblical Beliefs/Doctrinal Convictions?”

(Heb. 11:6, Rom. 10:9, 1 Cor. 15:1-4; 16:22; and Jn 20:31)

John 1:1 presents three essential truths that Scripture wants us to know and believe about Jesus.

3 Fundamental Christological Truth Claims:

I) **The** _____ **Word.** (John 1:1a).

OR- The Son’s _____.

II) **The** _____ **Word.** (John 1:1b)

OR- The _____ Word.

3 Life-Changing Christological Truth Claims:

III) The _____ Word. (John 1:1c)

...and the Word was **God**.
λόγος.

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν, **καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ**

How might I apply this doctrinally rich text/sermon to my everyday life?

Worship-Doxology/Prayer/Service-

Evangelism and Apologetics-

For Further Reflection/Application: *We must be doers of God's Word and not merely hearers only.*

John 1:1 highlights 3 fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith. What are these 3 Christological Truth-Claims? HINT- Remind yourself of the three key words in John 1:1a, 1:1b, and 1:1c? (WAS/WITH/ GOD).

What religions deny the doctrine of the Trinity? What religions deny the eternal Sonship of Christ and/or Christ's absolute Deity? What difference does it make? Rom. 10:9; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; John 3:36; 14:6; 20:31.

If someone accused you of worshipping 3 Gods, what would you say to show them that Christians do not embrace "Monarchianism" or "polytheism."

The absolute Deity of Christ and the doctrine of the Trinity are clearly affirmed in the opening Prologue of John's glorious Gospel.

What are some of the ways John 1:1 fuels and informs our worship? How can you apply John 1:1 to help fulfill your apologetical charge to keep (John 3-4; 1 Pet. 3:15; 2 Cor. 10:3-4; 1 Cor. 16:22)? How can you use it as you seek to share the biblical gospel and point unbelievers to the true Christ of Scripture in your evangelistic endeavors?

Discuss the following Erwin Lutzer quote with someone this week. "The deity of Christ, then, is the foundation of Christian doctrine. It is not enough to believe in Christ, but to believe in a Christ who is able to save. *The amount of faith is not as important as the object of faith.* You may believe that the ice on a pond is strong enough to hold your weight, but if it's but a ½ inch, you will still fall through. Conversely, you may have some doubts as you walk across a pond of ice that is a 4-foot-thick, but it will hold you despite your fears." The Eternal Son is truly God (John 1:1). In the incarnation he became truly man (John 1:14). He had to be both truly God and truly man to save sinners as a substitute and to act as our mediator! Hallelujah! What a Savior!

How does understanding some of the key controversies (and clarifying statements/creeds) from church history help us to defend and uphold the Christian faith in our own day and age?

See John Piper's biographical teaching on the Life and Ministry of Athanasius (contending for our all)- <https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/contending-for-our-all>

The Athanasian Creed

...We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Essence. For there is one Person of the Father; another of the Son; and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one; the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is; such is the Son; and such is the Holy Ghost. The Father uncreated; the Son uncreated; and the Holy Ghost uncreated. The Father unlimited; the Son unlimited; and the Holy Ghost unlimited. The Father eternal; the Son eternal; and the Holy Ghost eternal. And yet they are not three eternals; but one eternal. As also there are not three uncreated; nor three infinities, but one uncreated; and one infinite. So likewise the Father is Almighty; the Son Almighty; and the Holy Ghost Almighty. And yet they are not three Almighties; but one Almighty. So the Father is God; the Son is God; and the Holy Ghost is God. And yet they are not three Gods; but one God. So likewise the Father is Lord; the Son Lord; and the Holy Ghost Lord. And yet not three Lords; but one Lord. For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity; to acknowledge every Person by himself to be God and Lord; So are we forbidden by the catholic religion; to say, There are three Gods, or three Lords. The Father is made of none; neither created, nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created; but begotten.

The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son; neither made, nor created, nor begotten; but proceeding. So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts. And in this Trinity none is before, or after another; none is greater, or less than another. But the whole three Persons are coeternal, and coequal. So that in all things, as aforesaid; the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity, is to be worshipped. He therefore that will be saved, let him thus think of the Trinity.

Those who embrace “deeds” not “creeds” are outside New Testament Orthodoxy (which prioritizes both).

Related Praise Songs: *Theology fuels Doxology! We dig deeply in order that we may go high in praise!*

- All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name- Hymn*
- God the Uncreated One- Matt Boswell and Matt Papa*
- All Praise to Him- Sovereign Grace Music*
- All Glory Be to Christ- Sovereign Grace Music*
- Gloria Patri- Hymn*
- Almighty- Chris Tomlin*
- In Christ Alone- the Gettys.*
- Christ Our Glory- Sovereign Grace Music*
- Holy, Holy, Holy- Hymn*
- The Doxology- Hymn*
- A Triune Prayer*
- Hear Us Lord- Patrick and Amy Fata <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RjiF2yhL95U>*
- The King in All His Beauty- Matt Boswell and Matt Papa*
- Jesus’s There’s None Like You- Sovereign Grace Music*
- Jesus Son of God- Chris Tomlin*
- All Hail the Glorious Christ- Sovereign Grace Music*

A Christ-centered sermon from John’s Gospel is inherently practical and ought to impact at least one of the five facets of faith:

1) Our Worship	<i>As we see and savor Christ for who He truly is!</i> <p style="text-align: right;">(John 4:23-24)</p>
2) Our Progressive Sanctification	<i>As we in faith behold His glory, we should become increasingly Christ-like!</i> <p style="text-align: right;">(2 Cor. 3:18-19; 2 Pet. 1)</p>
3) Our Core Doctrine	<i>As we more firmly embrace the Person, Work, and Words of Christ!</i> <p style="text-align: right;">(2 Cor. 10-11)</p>
4) Our Apologetics	<i>As we more effectively defend the biblical Jesus in a world full of lies and many counterfeit Christs!</i> <p style="text-align: right;">(Jude 3-4; 1 Peter 3:15; 2 Cor. 10:3-4)</p>
5) Our Evangelism	<i>As we recount John’s mountain of gospel evidence with those who’ve yet to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ!</i> <p style="text-align: right;">(Rom. 10:9-14; Col. 4:3-4; John 3:16-36; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:18-21)</p>

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