

## John 1:1

The apostle John has always been considered the one who wrote the gospel of John. Jesus chose John as one of his twelve closest followers. John accompanied Jesus during the years Jesus went about performing miracles and proclaiming the good news of God's kingdom. John was there at the cross when Jesus died. Three days later, John ran to the empty tomb and confirmed that Jesus had risen from the dead. After Jesus came back to life; John ate and drank and hung out with Jesus for forty days. Then John was there to see Jesus lifted up into a cloud and taken up into heaven. John was an eye witness of all that Jesus said and did.

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Think about [John 20:30-31](#).

*“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 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.”*

- Why did the apostle John write his book?
  - What is the promise, if we trust that Jesus is the Son of God?
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Some of the thoughts in the beginning of the gospel of John are connected to the account of creation in the book of Genesis.

Think about [Genesis 1:1-31](#). (You can listen to a reading of Genesis 1 by playing the audio clip: [Genesis 01.01 thru 01.31.mp3](#). This clip takes about 6 minutes to play.)

- The phrase: "*God said*" is repeated ten times in Genesis 1. Why is that Important?  
Consider Hebrews 11:3. *By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.*
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Think about [John 1:1-2](#).

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.”*

- What things does this passage say about the Word?
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Think about [John 1:3](#).

*“All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.”*

- What was the Word doing when all things came into existence?

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Think about [Proverbs 8:12-31](#).

*I, **wisdom**, dwell with prudence, ... The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, **before the beginning** of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then **I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.***

- Before the beginning, and during creation, where and what was Wisdom?
- Who is wisdom from God?  
Consider [1Corinthians 1:30](#). *And because of him (God) you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, ...*