

1. What ideas do people in our current culture often have about Jesus that don't necessarily fit with how he is revealed in the Bible? Why do people think these things?
2. Read John 1:1–2. To whom is John referencing as the Word? Why does he choose this term? What is the significance of the existence of the Word in the beginning? What does it mean that the Word was with God? What does it mean that the Word was God?
3. Read John 1:3. What does this verse tell us about Jesus' role in creation?
4. Read John 1:4. How does the Word function as life-giving from the perspective of creation? How about from the perspective of salvation?
5. Read John 1:5. How does the light of the Word overcome darkness?
6. In what ways do you need to re-orient your thinking about Jesus based on this text? How ought knowing these things shape your response to his message and his saving work?