***Is Jesus Christ God?***

**John 1:1**

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“**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God**” (John 1:1).

**I. Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God the Father. 1:1a**

 A. Jesus is described as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 B. Jesus is described as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**II. Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from God the Father. 1:1b**

 A. Jesus and the Father \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 B. Jesus and the Father \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God the Father. 1:1c**

 A. The last phrase in verse 1 could have been constructed a number of ways, each with a different meaning.

 1. **IF** John wanted to communicate that the Word and the Father are identical, he would have written, “*The Word was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*.”

 2. **IF** John wanted to teach that the Word is NOT truly God in the same sense that the Father is God and that the Word is a lesser or subservient god, he would have written, “*The Word was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*.”

 3. **HOWEVER**, the apostle John wanted to emphasize the fact that the Word as to His nature and essence is God, so he wrote, “**The Word was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.”

 B. The very first thing John establishes about Jesus Christ is that He is God. Why?

 1. The fact that Jesus Christ is God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 2. The fact that Jesus Christ is God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**IV. Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a Wise and Intriguing Way. 1:1**

 A. Unbelieving Gentiles would have been intrigued by John’s description of “the Word.”

* To the Gentile of the New Testament era, the word “*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*” referred to the creative force responsible for holding all things together.

 B. Unbelieving Jews would have been intrigued by John’s description of “the Word.”

* To the Jew of the New Testament period, the term “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” was a designation that spoke of God.

**Conclusion**

1. John 1:1 clearly and powerfully teaches the deity of Christ.

2. Jesus Christ is an eternal being who throughout eternity past has enjoyed perfect fellowship with the Father, and He is, in His nature and essence, God.

3. The fact that Jesus is God should affect both our life and our message.

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