

## ENCOUNTER #1: John 1:1-5 WHO IS THE REAL JESUS...

Summer Fake IG – carefully content/crafted – looked like me – until Asked 4 \$ – NIPPED – **THINK UR CONNECTING (fake/ripped off) – VERIFIED**

- **IDENTITY THEFT: Facial scan, thumbprint verify, info - JOHN / verifies**
- Doceticism/Gn- **islam, Mor, JW, libch, sec, ppl - make up own (gp,teac, adm)**

**Stakes High:** Want the Father, living water, eternal life, life abundant, forgiveness of sins, experience kingdom, only raise the dead, heal the sick, **HAS TO BE RIGHT JESUS**

**MP: This gospel is not just a defense against false views of Jesus it's an invitation to discover and encounter the real Jesus Christ and everything He brings to you.**

- 8 signs and 8 sayings – **Unparalleled Prologue – SO YOU KNOW**

John 20:31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

**Prologue:** 6 identity authenticators – **VERIFY THE REAL JESUS**

**A GENESIS LIKE EVENT** - In the beginning CONNECTS TO CREATION –  
**DESCRIPTIVE PARALLEL - POWERFUL LIGHT INTO DARKNESS - BOOM**  
**FULFILLMENT: CULMINATION OF GOD'S PLAN (start here) THE ARRIVAL ONE**  
**JESUS VERIFIED and SIGNIFIED**

**IA1: ETERNAL (was the Word)**

Other gospel accounts start with Jesus' human lineage whereas John travels back before time itself to identify Christ as the eternal God. **Never a time when He was not.**

Hebrews 1:10 You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; <sup>11</sup> they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, <sup>12</sup> like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.

- **Transcends time - aseity of Christ** – self-sufficient / no unmet need. Your performance doesn't meet a need in God – **HE LOVES U BC GOD IS LOVE**

Psalms 116:12 What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? <sup>13</sup> I will lift/take up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

**IA2: THE WORD/LOGOS OF GOD**

**Grk stoic:** rational princi/ultimate wisdom/mind gd - **Philo:** model/perfect man **TRUE**  
God's 'Word' in the Old Testament is his powerful self-expression in creation, revelation deliverance and salvation. The personification of that 'Word' makes it suitable for John to apply it as a title to God's ultimate self-disclosure, the person of his own Son. D.A. Carson

- **Supreme self-disclosure, ultimate revelation, divine deliverance, savior brings salvation, unopposable power + judge living dead**

Hebrews 1:2 Has in these last days spoken to us by *His Son*, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; <sup>3</sup> who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins.

**IA3: WAS WITH AND WAS GOD**

ETERNALLY WITH GOD: Next to – face to face – perfect harmony – **I AND FATHER 1**

- **Character/heart – Miss Per: Not loving Son and angry Father –**

ETERNALLY WAS GOD: Same essence as the Father – in Him dwelt **fullness of GH bodily**

- **TRINITY: F, S, Sp = God; F not Son; F in Son.**

#### **IA4: THE CREATOR**

not created RATHER HE IS the ALMIGHTY CREATOR – **ALL THINGS**

- **LOOK AT: Powerful – infinite detail – Macro/Micro - creative – Good**

**NOT JUST GOING TO BURN BAD IT'S GOING TO BE REMADE GOOD – CREATION LNCS**

#### **IA5: THE SOURCE OF ALL LIFE**

**True:** life and light salvation but **Here:** Life and Light creation – **CREATION:** Darkness

no life THEN WORD OF GOD: Agent of Creation **SOURCED BOTH OF THOSE**

The self-existing life of the Word was so dispensed at creation that it became the light of the human race. D.A. Carson

- All life u see particularly in humanity is sourced in JESUS **baby – word/sust...**

#### **IA6: CONQUERED THE DARKNESS**

- **CREATION:** Light separated the darkness

**SALVATION:** anticipation all coming – invaded domain devil couldn't b overpowered

**It is impossible to overpower Him.**

No wonder the demons feared him, the sick flocked to him, the sea obeyed him, the water turned to wine and the bread was multiplied, and Thomas skeptic worshiped

**HE IS GOD AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE LIKE HIM..**