

# Christ the Eternal Word Notes

John 1:1-3

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**Main Point:** Jesus had His birth in Bethlehem, but not His beginning, because He has always been.

## “Merry Mythmas”

1. There’s no evidence Mary rode on a donkey to Bethlehem (Luke 2:4-5).
2. There’s no record of the innkeeper saying anything in the Christmas story (Luke 2:7).
3. We don’t know the exact day of Jesus’ birth.
4. The ox and the lamb didn’t keep time while the little drummer boy drummed on his drum.
5. Jesus was not born in a wooden crib (Luke 2:7).
6. Even though one of our carols declares, “no crying He makes,” it’s likely Jesus did cry since He later wept when Lazarus died (John 11:35, Hebrews 2:17).
7. The Bible doesn’t say, “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (Luke 2:13).
8. The Bible never says there were three wiseman (Matthew 2:11, Daniel 2:2).
9. Speaking of the wisemen, they did not arrive the night of Jesus’ birth, but up to two years later (Matthew 2:11).
10. The Bible doesn’t state there was a star over the place where Jesus was born (Matthew 2:2, 9-10).

## Jesus is Eternally God.

1. These first words are identical in Greek to the first two words in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God created by declaring these words eight times: “And God said...” and John explains that \_\_\_\_\_ Himself is that Word of God.
3. Jesus is before the beginning of \_\_\_\_\_ as He said in John 8:58.
4. He is eternal because He has always and absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ before time itself (2 Timothy 1:9).
5. The word “beginning” speaks of “\_\_\_\_\_, rule, head, and cause (Jude 25).
6. The word “word” is the Greek word “logos,” which means, “the act of speaking and the thing spoken.”
7. In the Old Testament, “logos” communicated the \_\_\_\_\_ power of God and was a reference to God (Psalm 33:6).
8. In Greek culture, “logos” was more of a philosophical principle than a power. It was what gave \_\_\_\_\_ to all things, embodying thought, wisdom, and rationality.
9. Since a word is an audible expression of a thought, as the Word, Jesus has revealed what goes on in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. He is the bridge between God and us.

**Jesus is Equally God.**

1. Jesus and the Father have always been \_\_\_\_\_ and yet are distinct from one another.
2. Instead of using the common word “with,” to indicate being near of close, John used a much stronger word which means, “\_\_\_\_\_ God” or “face to face” (John 17:5).

**Jesus is Essentially God.**

1. The Greeks would put the word they wanted to emphasize first in the sentence, so it reads this way, “God was the Word!”
2. Jesus Himself said in John 10:30, “I and the Father are \_\_\_\_\_.”
3. He is the first and last letters in the Greek alphabet (Revelation 1:8).
4. Jesus is God’s last word to mankind (Hebrews 1:1-2).

**Jesus Made Everything.**

1. The phrase “all things” is a categorically absolute statement.
2. The phrase “through Him” reminds us Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of creation (1 Corinthians 8:6).
3. Apart from Christ, there “was not anything made that was made” (Colossians 1:16-17).
4. Jesus was not created because He is the \_\_\_\_\_ (John 1:1-3).