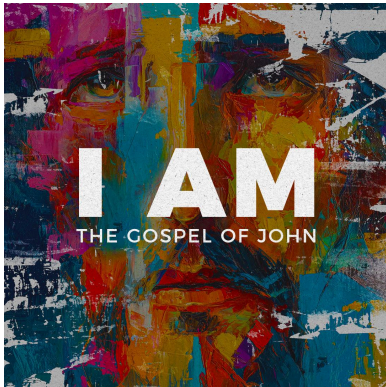


Title: In The Beginning Was The Logos

Series: I Am

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Introduction

The Gospel of John opens not with a birth narrative but with a cosmic declaration—the Logos, through whom all things were made, became flesh and dwelled among us. This week's message invites us to wrestle with two foundational questions: Who are you? And who is God?

Key Texts: John 1:1-18; Genesis 1:1-3, 26-27; Exodus 3:11-14

Icebreaker

If you had to describe yourself in three words without using your name, job, or family role, what would you say?

Discussion Questions

1. John opens his Gospel not with a birth story or miracle, but with a cosmic declaration. **Read John 1:1-5 together.** Why do you think John begins here rather than with a narrative? What does this tell us about what John most wants his readers to believe?
2. Josh introduced the Greek concept of **logos**—the ordering principle of the universe, the model for the human mind, the guide for the soul toward God. How does that background change how you read "In the beginning was the Word"? What does it mean to you that Jesus *is* the Logos?
3. **Read John 1:9-13 together.** The world didn't recognize him; his own didn't receive him. Josh pointed out that even those waiting for a Messiah missed him because he didn't fit their expectations. Where might your own assumptions or preconceptions about Jesus make it harder to fully receive him?

4. **Read Exodus 3:13-14 alongside John 1:14 together.** Josh drew a line from Moses' question—*Who am I?*—to God's answer—*"I AM WHO I AM"*—to the Word becoming flesh. What does it mean to you that the same "I AM" took on skin and moved into the neighborhood?

5. Josh argued that **sin is fundamentally a disordered identity**—running habitually to something other than God for the deepest satisfaction of the soul. Where do you find yourself most tempted to build your sense of self apart from God? What does that reveal about what you're trusting?

6. Josh closed with this: *"I believe I am lost; but through Jesus, I AM found me."* **Read John 1:12 together.** John Calvin said it's not about believing *in* God; it's about believing *God*. What's the difference, and what might it look like for you to move from one to the other?

Key Takeaways

- Jesus is the Logos—the one through whom all things were made—who became flesh to dwell among us
 - Belief in John is not intellectual assent but personal trust: not believing *about* God, but believing *God*
 - Our deepest identity can only be satisfied by the one who made us; everything else is a disordered substitute
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Silence and Solitude

This week, find a quiet moment and sit with the two questions Josh posed:

Who am I? and ***Who are You, God?***

In your journal or in prayer, **write honestly about where you are building your identity.** What do you run to when no one is watching? What would it look like to let Jesus answer the question of who you are?

Close by sitting quietly with John 1:12 for several minutes: *"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."*