

# WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

## Jesus the King Pre-existed as the son of God

Genesis 1:26, John 1:1-3, Hebrews 1:2-3, Colossians 1:16-18  
Message Reflection Guide

This Word (Logos in Greek) became incarnate in Jesus. "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us," John tells us (verse 14). The eternal, uncreated Word who was God, and yet was with God as one of the Persons of the Godhead, became a human being. The Word "was" God (an eternal state) but "became" a human being. The Word never came into being, that is, he didn't "become" the Word. He always was the Word, or God. The Word's existence is open-ended. He has always existed.

As Donald Macleod points out in his book "The Person of Christ": *"He is sent forth as one who already has being, not as one who comes into being by being sent"* (page 55). Macleod further states:

In the New Testament, Jesus' existence as a man is a continuation of his previous or prior existence as a heavenly being. The Word who dwelt among us is the same as the Word who was with God. The Christ who is found in form as a man is the very one who previously existed in the form of God.

## CONVERSATION STARTER

Share a recent story about repairing something that was broken. What tools or materials did you use to complete the repair?

## GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

**Read Gen 1:26**  
**Read John 1:1-3** Jesus was, is, can and will therefore nothing is beyond His influence. The passage says "without Him nothing was made", how does that phrase comfort you? What influence do you believe Jesus has over current world events? How does that affect your faith?

**Read Hebrews 1:2&3** Jesus was, is, can and will therefore you can be rescued and redeemed. The passage uses the phrase "the word of His power" what do you think that means? What has God rescued you from? How has redemption given you hope?

**Read Colossians 1:16-18** Jesus was, is, can and will therefore He will meet you during times of anxiety and fear. The passage states "in Him all things hold together" in what ways do you try to hold it together in your own strength? How does it affect your spiritual life to try to fix problems independent of Jesus? How does fear or anxiety warp your perception of God?

## MAKING IT REAL

As you think about the truth that Jesus is King, what areas of your life have you not allowed Him to have rule over? There is nothing impossible for Jesus. What are some difficult or impossible situations that you are facing where you need Jesus to intervene?