

- Matthew Focus: Jewish audience to show Jesus genealogy coming from the line of David to fulfilled O.T. prophecies to prove Jesus as the Messiah the King.
- Mark Focus: Roman Christian audience showing Jesus as the suffering servant.
- Luke Focus: Gentiles audience and shows Jesus humanity as the perfect human sacrifice for sin for all of humanity. This is why Luke's Genealogy of Jesus goes all the way back to Adam through Mary.
- John Focus: The Christian community, the church showing that Jesus came from heaven and is the Son of God.

the theme of John's gospel:

believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

"How happy is its church, on which apostles poured forth all their doctrine along with their blood! where Peter endures a passion like his Lord's! where Paul wins his crown in a death like John's, where the Apostle John was first plunged, unhurt, into boiling oil, and thence remitted to his island-exile!" ("Prescription against heretics, chapter 36")

TERTULLIAN:



^⁴But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

^⁵to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

⁵And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

Word – Greek wd - λόγος – log -os – means reason or cause

¹⁷And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

Heraclitus - a Greek Philosopher of the late 6th century B.C (560B.C.). - said, " everything is changing moment by moment." His famous illustration..."You never step into the same river twice, for the water has now flowed on, it is now different."

1) Creation – God has expressed Himself through His Creation.

²⁰For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

- 1) The Prophets God revels Himself to us through his prophets. This is the whole OT.
- 2) Jesus Christ God's Son Jesus is God's final Revelation of Himself to this world.

¹God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

²has 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;

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

³⁹'Now see that I, even I, am He, And there is no God besides Me;

¹⁸No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

"A GROSSLY MISLEADING TRANSLATION. It is neither scholarly nor reasonable to translate John 1:1 'the Word was a god.' But of all the scholars in the world, so far as we know, none have translated this verse as Jehovah's Witnesses have done." (Dr. Julius R. Mantey)

"Much is made by Arian amateur grammarians of the omission of the definite article with 'God' in the phrase 'And the Word was God.' Such an omission is common with nouns in a predicate construction. 'A god' would be totally indefensible." (Dr. F.F. Bruce)

"I can assure you that the rendering which the Jehovah's Witnesses give John 1:1 is not held by any reputable Greek scholar."(Dr. Charles L. Feinberg) "The Jehovah's Witness people evidence an abysmal ingorance of the basic tenets of Greek grammar in their mistranslation of John 1:1." (Dr. Paul L. Kaufman) "The deliberate distortion of truth by this sect is seen in their New Testament translations. John 1:1 is translated: '... the Word was a god,' a translation which is grammatically impossible. It is abundantly clear that a sect which can translate the New Testament like that is intellectually dishonest." (Dr. William Barclay)

¹⁶For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him