



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

-John 1:1-5

The Eternal God has become human and dwelt among us. Jesus is divine and Jesus is human. But how? There was a big controversy in the early church and it continues to rage today. Who is this Jesus? Is he part God and part human? How can one person be fully God and fully human? The massive reality of this truth is the foundation of the Christian faith. All throughout history this truth has been undermined and attacked. The first chapter of John gives clarity to the true person of Jesus Christ and that by believing, we may have life.

Reflection:

Questions:

1. When you describe Jesus Christ, do you have a tendency to emphasize his humanity or divinity? What is the danger of de-emphasizing one or the other?
2. Which aspect of Jesus' nature does our world have the most problem with today?
3. How does church history help us in our understanding of biblical truth? (If you have time, take a look at the council of Nicea, the council of Chalcedon, the Apostle's creed.)
4. What does John's emphasis on the pre-existent Christ mean to you?
5. Have you ever considered that Christ had a key role as Creator? (John 1:3, Hebrews 1:2, 1 Cor. 8:6, Col. 1:16,17)
6. When did Jesus give you life? How is your life now different?
7. Which seems to be "winning," darkness or light?
8. The Incarnation is Christ dwelling in you. Are there certain rooms you keep him out of?