



## *PURSUE: Women Pursuing Christ Through His Word*

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*Lecture Notes*

*John Lesson 1*

*October 11, 2022*

*For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face, that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_, that is, \_\_\_\_\_, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” Col. 2:1-3*

### *The Mystery of Christ*

#### *1. The Identity of the \_\_\_\_\_*

*John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”*

*A. \_\_\_\_\_ concept of the Word*

*“Word” in Hebrew-dabar- to speak, to \_\_\_\_\_. Used many times to refer to “God \_\_\_\_\_.” The revelatory work of God is often expressed by “The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ to ...” used 242 times.*

*Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*

*\*Numbers 11:23-25 dabar used 4 times*

*\*Deut. 32:44-47 dabar or a form of it used 8 times*

*B. \_\_\_\_\_ concept of the Word*

*“Word” in Greek: Logos- word as in an expression of \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Greek philosophers believed the Word was the \_\_\_\_\_ and nonrelational power and \_\_\_\_\_ behind the order and intelligence of creation. John introduced the revolutionary thought that the \_\_\_\_\_ is a personal, relational, \_\_\_\_\_ being.*

#### *2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Word Became \_\_\_\_\_*

*John’s statement introduced \_\_\_\_\_ new truths regarding the WORD that put him into a very different category in his identification of Christ. This is where Christianity \_\_\_\_\_ with all other \_\_\_\_\_ systems.*

*\* \_\_\_\_\_-literally means “embodied in flesh; taking on flesh.” Council of Nicea 325 A.D. revised in 381 A.D.*

*\* \_\_\_\_\_ union- hupostasis- pertaining to \_\_\_\_\_; what really exists under any appearance; essential \_\_\_\_\_.*

*“Hebrews 1:3 “And He is the radiance of God’s glory and the \_\_\_\_\_ representation of His \_\_\_\_\_ and upholds all things by the word of His power.”*

*\*Kenosis – \_\_\_\_\_; to deprive of content; to render void  
Philippians 2:5-8 “Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus; who, although He existed in the \_\_\_\_\_ (morphe-  
form or nature) of God, did not regard \_\_\_\_\_ with God a  
thing to be grasped, but \_\_\_\_\_ (kenos) **Himself**, taking the  
**form** of a bond-servant, and being made in human likeness of men.  
And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by  
becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”*

*John 1:14 “And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

#### *Nicene Creed*

*We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, the maker of heaven and earth, of things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the begotten of God the Father, the Only-begotten, that is of the substance of the Father.*

*God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten and not made; of the very same nature of the Father, by Whom all things came into being, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.*

*Who for us humanity and for our salvation came down from heaven, was incarnate, became human, was born perfectly of the holy virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit.*

*By whom He took body, soul, and mind, and everything that is in man, truly and not in semblance.*

*He suffered, was crucified, was buried, rose again on the third day, ascended into heaven with the same body, [and] sat at the right hand of the Father.*

*He is to come with the same body and with the glory of the Father, to judge the living and the dead; of His kingdom there is no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the uncreate and the perfect; Who spoke through the Law, the prophets, and the Gospels; Who came down upon the Jordan, preached through the apostles, and lived in the saints.*

*We believe also in only One, Universal, Apostolic, and [Holy] Church; in one baptism with repentance for the remission and forgiveness of sins; and in the resurrection of the dead, in the everlasting judgement of souls and bodies, in the Kingdom of Heaven and in the everlasting life.*

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