

“THE CHRISTMAS STORY ACCORDING TO JOHN” (*The True Meaning of Christmas – part four – John 1:1-18*)

Facts: John never mentions Joseph or Mary. John never uses the word “born” in reference to Jesus.
(*John 20:30-31*)

I. JESUS IS {ETERNAL}.

**John 1:1a *John 1:2 *John 1:15 *Isaiah 9:6 *Revelation 1:8*

Note: John is the only Gospel to emphasize Jesus’ pre-existence (eternality).

II. JESUS IS {DISTINCT FROM GOD}.

**John 1:1b *I John 4:14 *Matthew 26:39 *Luke 23:46 *I John 5:7*

Note: This distinction is the basis of the doctrine of the Trinity.

III. JESUS IS {GOD}.

**John 1:1c *Colossians 2:9 *John 1:18 *John 10:30 *John 14:8-9*

Note: Jesus always knew who He was!

IV. JESUS IS ACTIVE IN {CREATION}.

**John 1:3 *Colossians 1:16 *Genesis 1:1 *Hebrews 11:3*

Note: It is easy to see why Jesus could control nature.

V. JESUS IS THE {SPIRITUAL LIGHT} OF THE WORLD.

**John 1:4-5 *John 1:9-12 *Isaiah 9:2 *Revelation 21:23 *John 12:27*

Note: Jesus always knew why He came!

VI. JESUS BECAME A {MAN}.

**John 1:14 *Philippians 2:7*

Note: Kenosis means “change in form, but not in substance.”