

John 1:1-18
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We all had a beginning. We were born at a certain time and in a certain place.

Genesis 1:1, John 1:1

Jesus was with God in the beginning. Though he was born in the manger 2000 years ago, He was with God in the beginning.

Paul explains this 'unknown god' that people worshipped.
Acts 17:23-31

- 1) **Jesus is the light**
 - a. Psalm 119:105
 - b. 2 Corinthians 4:6
- 2) **Who is this Jesus?**
 - a. Jesus lineage is given in other gospels.
 - b. Due to his lineage, he can identify with people. Galatians 3:28-29
- 3) **The Father and the Son are one**
 - a. John 10:30
 - b. John 14:1
- 4) **The world did not recognize him**
 - a. We are all His creation. Why then can people not recognize their own family?
 - b. John 1:5,10,11
- 5) **Receive Him**
 - a. This passage talks about 'receive' 3 times. Vs. 11,12,16

Conclusion

- 1) Summary of thoughts from this passage: The Word is the communicator of God, and the revealer of God. The Word is effective, powerful and true.
- 2) Failure to recognize Him. The greatest irony of Christian theology is that the very medicine that can cure the human condition is rejected by so many people. How many carefully obey their doctor to prolong life by a few years, but reject even better advice to help them live in eternal bliss?
- 3) The sufficiency of Jesus
 - a. There is something powerful about this passage. The answer to all of life's problems is right here in this passage.