

SEVEN WORDS ON THE WORD

(John 1:1-14)

The magnificence of Christmas is found not in the story of the birth, but in the identity of the baby

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The BABY was:

1. **ETERNAL** *In the beginning was the Word (1)*
2. **PERSON** *and the Word was with God.... He was with God in the beginning (1-2)*
3. **DEITY** *and the Word was God (1)*
4. **CREATOR** *Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made (3)*
5. **LIFE-GIVER** *In him was life (4)*

6. REVEALER *and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.... The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. (4-5, 9)*

7. INCARNATE *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his Glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth (14)*

But the **RESPONSE** to Him was:

- *He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. (10)*
- *He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. (11)*
- *Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. (12-13)*

Mary Did You Know?

Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?
 Mary did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?
 Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
 This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you

Mary did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?
 Mary did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?
 Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
 When you kiss your little baby, you kiss the face of God

Mary did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again
 The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the lamb

Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
 Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?
 Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect lamb?
 That sleeping child you're holding is the great I AM

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Now that *you* know, what will *you* do?

Recognize him...receive him...believe in his name