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John 1:1-14

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John 1:1-14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. -

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7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, -

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13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (ESV)

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I. Christ preexists creation.

B. He was with God.

And the Word was with God,

- *Proverbs 8:12 I wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion... 22 "The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. 23 Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. 24 When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs -*

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- *abounding with water. 25 Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, 26 before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. 27 When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, 28 when he made firm the skies above, -*

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And the Word was with God,

- *when he established the fountains of the deep, 29 when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, 30 then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,*

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D. He is the Creator.

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D. He is the Creator.

- *Colossians 1:16-17 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

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D. He is the Creator.

- *Hebrews 1:1-2 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.*

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II. Christ is the Promised One?

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

A. Jesus is a descendant of Adam.

- *Genesis 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.*

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- *Luke 3:23, 38 Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph... 38 the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.*

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II. Christ is the Promised One?

B. Jesus is a descendant of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

- Abraham - *Genesis 12:2* And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.
- Isaac - *Genesis 17:19* God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him.

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II. Christ is the Promised One?

B. Jesus is a descendant of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

- **Jacob - *Genesis 26:4 I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed,***

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II. Christ is the Promised One?

B. Jesus is a descendant of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

- *Matthew 1:1-2 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,*

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II. Christ is the Promised One?

C. Jesus is from the tribe of Judah.

- *Psalm 78:67-68 He rejected the tent of Joseph; he did not choose the tribe of Ephraim, 68 but he chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion, which he loves.*
- *Genesis 49:10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.*

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- *Luke 3:33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, 34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,*

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C. Jesus is from the tribe of Judah.

- *Revelation 5:5 And one of the elders said to me, " Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."*

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II. Christ is the Promised One?

D. Jesus is the heir to the throne of David.

- *Isaiah 9:6-7 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness...*

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- *Luke 1:32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David...*

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II. Christ is the Promised One?

E. Jesus was born just like us.

- *Genesis 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*
- *Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,*

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III. Christ is received by faith.

12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

A. Receiving Him entails believing in His name.

B. Receiving Him includes a change in status.

C. Receiving Him involves being born of God.

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III. Christ is received by faith.

- *Matthew 18:1-4 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, " Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, " Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

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IV. Christ is God with us.

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- Isaac - *Genesis 26:3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father.*

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IV. Christ is God with us.

- **Jacob - *Genesis 31:3* Then the Lord said to Jacob, “Return to the land of your fathers and to your kindred, and I will be with you.”**
- **Moses - *Exodus 3:12* He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”**

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IV. Christ is God with us.

- Joshua - *Joshua 1:5* **No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.**

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He is the Promised One from of old, who preexists all of creation and yet was born into this world just like us. It is He that we need to receive with the faith of a child.

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