

## Yes, It Is Jesus

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 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. (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") John 1:1-5, 14-15 (NIV)*

As Christmas swiftly approaches, one can't help but realize that without Jesus, there would be no Christmas. It's All About Him! Since we live in a world where many are so self-absorbed, filled with pride, and conceited, it's hard to comprehend the Son of God humbling Himself by taking on human flesh to save mankind.

The first chapter of the Gospel according to John was one of my mother's favorite scriptures to read or have read to her. The text lets us know who Jesus is and His origin. It says He (Jesus) is the Word of God, is God, and was with God in the beginning. In other words, He has always existed. Jesus was there in the book of Genesis when God said, "Let us make man in our image." Jesus was there when God created the heavens, the moon, stars, sea, land, plantation, and animals. In Revelation 1:8 Jesus says of Himself, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, who is, and who was, and is to come." Yes, it is Jesus!

In addition to explaining Jesus' origin, John refers to Jesus as the Light. Have you ever considered what the world would be like without light? Light makes it possible for us to see our surroundings, ourselves and others. Without light there would be no vision. In the book of Genesis chapter 1:2-3, we see that the earth was covered with darkness. Before God created anything else, He spoke light into existence. Jesus is the Light that shines in this dark world and causes spiritual blindness to disappear. Whenever Jesus enters a situation, darkness must vanish.

This is a wonderful time of year to remind ourselves and others what Christmas is all about. It's all about Jesus! Remember, without Him, there would be no Christmas celebration. His love for mankind is so great and awesome that He was willing to give up His glory in heaven, to come down to earth and enter into the womb of a woman to be born. His love and faithfulness toward us is incomprehensible. So please, do not forget to include Jesus in your celebration. To quote Revelation again, "He is the one who is, and who was, and is to come." Yes, it is Jesus!

Merry Christmas from the Daughters of Zion Women's Ministries.

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