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Make Church a Part of Your Life WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"The Word"

By Pastor Kirk Kasson, Almena Congregational Church

John 1:1-5 In the begin- with the creation of the world. second part of the Trinity. ning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and was with God in the beginning.

3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

What would you say about your best friend when he was gone? The above scripture was penned by the apostle John. It was John to whom Jesus said from the cross, "you will take care of my mother now". It was John who was called "the disciple whom Jesus loved."

Scholars and historians tell us that John outlived the other disciples, and that he likely wrote his account of Jesus' life last of the four gospels.

Assuming that his audience had read one or more of the other accounts, he did not begin his with the Christmas story, or with the baptism of Christ, but

Why?

the Word was God. 2 He know what he knew. Jesus things were made. He became to be with the father". Nuwas more than a good friend, flesh and dwelt among us (v. merous other times John and more than a wise man. 14). He told the woman from Jesus was God made man, the Samaria that he was in fact the

Jesus was in the beginning read that Jesus told his fol-John wanted the reader to with God. Through him all lowers he was going "back

Christ (4.26). In 16.28 we records Jesus referring to himself with the same title God used with Abraham, "IAM".

When you call yourself a "Christian", you are not referring yourself to a club, or a race of people. You are saying that you are a follower (disciple) of the man who is God. The teacher who invented the rules. The sinless one who died to pay for your sins, and rose from the dead; who awaits you in heaven, yet lives in your heart.

As you read the gospel of John, put yourself in John's chair. Imagine what would make the best friend of Jesus write the things John says about Christ.

Leonard Ravenhill said, "One of these days some simple soul will pick up the Book of God, read it, and believe it. Then the rest of us will be embarrassed." Read your Bible and believe what it tells you. Then live your life accordingly.

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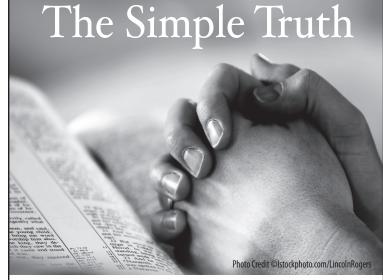


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Weekly Scripture Reading Colossians Matthew Colossians Colossians Colossians Colossians Matthew 1:24-2:5 2:20-3:17 2:1-12 1:1-23 2:6-19 4:2-18 2:13-23 Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society ©2013, Keister-Williams Newspaper Services, P.O. Box 8187, Charlottesville, VA 22906, www.kwnews.com

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