



9:00 Live Sunday School at FBJ

Lesson 1: The Word is the Fullness Part 1 Luke 1:1-4; John 1:1-18

I. Our “textbook” – The Harmony of the Gospels by Robert L. Thomas and Stanly N. Guidry

A. Built upon the work of John Albert Broadus and A.T. Robertson of Southern Baptist Seminary

B. The Broadman Hymnal and B&H Publishing

II. Luke 1:1-4

A. Two-fold purpose of Luke’s gospel:

1. Historical accuracy - “eyewitnesses” and “ministers” of the word
2. Presenting the perfect, divine Son of God – Luke 2:52

III. John 1:1-18

A. John is making major theological statements:

1. God entered humanity through His Son
2. The Son was the Word
3. His Son became flesh
4. The Word was the completion of truth and grace

B. The Prologue of vv. 1-18 - Only uses these words in the Prologue:

- *Logos* (Word) – as a title, Fullness, Grace, Only Son, Tabernacle
- Most likely written after the gospel was completed and added later

C. v.1 - Three basic affirmations in v.1:

1. The *Logos* (Greek for the Word) has been in existence since the beginning of time
2. The *Logos* was with God
3. The *Logos* was God – this was debated for centuries
 - The Council of Nicea – 325 AD

D. Greek word “to be”: *eimi* and past tense “*en*” translated as “was”

- Used 11 times in vv.1-15
- Not the same as “was made” like v.14

E. The “Jewishness” of the *Logos* as the “word of the LORD” - Hebrew is *debar YHWH*

1. Genesis 15:1 – established the covenant with Abraham
2. Exodus 24:3-3 – Giving the 10 Commandments
3. Source of words from many prophets
4. Psalm 119:105 – Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet...”

F. Greek/Jewish Harmonizing

- In Greek philosophical thought, the *logos* (where word logic comes from) brings order to the *kosmos* (world)
- John is saying the Logos has always been and thus the *kosmos* has order

G. vv.2-5

1. v.2 – This affirms v.1
2. v.3 – Best translation (CSB) is “not any thing” as compared to “nothing”
3. vv.4-5 – The Light was a gift to humanity that came from God
4. Light vs. darkness: Light wins - John 3:16-21

Questions? Comments? Thoughts?

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