



The Word: Becomes Flesh
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What does it mean that God's Word has Authority?

Author is the originator or creator of a work.

Authority is the formal right to give commands and make decisions.

The author of life, would have authority over the life created

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"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. He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. So, the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son."

John 1:1-3,10-14

Word = Logos:

1. Reason, Purpose, Meaning, Will, and Heart of God; is in the person of Jesus, revealed to us through the scriptures.

*Jesus told him, "I am **the way, the truth, and the life.**"* John 14:6

"You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life."

John 5:39-40

2. Jesus reveals the character / heart of God through His life.

"Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him."

John 13:3-5

(Further reading Philippians 2:6-9)

3. Jesus' has authority over everything we experience in life.

"When he gives a command, even the wind and waves obey him!"

Luke 8:24-25

"Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man.... The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission."

Luke 8:29-31

"But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up."

Luke 8:54-55

4. Jesus' has authority to give life and bring judgement

"I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life."

"And I assure you that the time is coming, indeed it's here now, when the dead will hear my voice—the voice of the Son of God. And those who listen will live. The Father has life in himself, and he has granted that same life-giving power to his son. And he has given him authority to judge everyone because he is the Son of Man. Don't be so surprised! Indeed, the time is coming when all the dead in their graves will hear the voice of God's Son, and they will rise again. Those who have done good will rise to experience eternal life, and those who have continued in evil will rise to experience judgment." John 5:24-29

5. Jesus' is the way to eternal life

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

John 6:51

"For you have given him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one you have given him. And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth." John 17:2-3

"... written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name".

John 20:30-31

Questions:

What does it mean to give Jesus complete authority in your life?

What does Jesus tell us to ask in His name? John 14:13-14

What do you think it will be like to face Jesus? Read Hebrews 4:12-13