

"What's in a Word?"
(John 1:1-18)

- John 1:1-18 - A Unified Story of Creation, Incarnation, and Re-creation
 - The Creator comes in person to re-create creation!
 - A mystery story and a love story
 - Jesus Christ Is God's Word on all that it means to live as God intended

- The Creator of the Universe Is in This Word - 1:1-3
 - Eternal meaning is prior to created matter
 - ...Christ is the subject before all predicates
 - God created the world in love to be the theater of His glory
 - ...Humans are beings created with the capacity to receive His Life - Jo 1:12

- The Revelation of the Unseen God Is in This Word - 1:9-11.18
 - Jesus Christ is the Expositor of Divinity
 - ...He interprets God for us
 - ...Every scripture/ idea about God must be explained through Him
 - We must welcome/receive Him as our Word on all of life - 1:10-12
 - ...He is always our standard for all valuation - Col 3:17

- The Salvation of Man Is in This Word - 1:12-14; 3:16
 - God comes as a man to atone for all men - 1:14
 - ...Incarnation is the link between creation and re-creation - I Jo 4:1-6
 - ...Jesus Christ takes on humanity without losing any of His Divinity - II Co 5:19;
I Co 15:21
 - He comes in person to re-create creation:
 - ...Rescue: to fight a battle we could never win
 - ...Redeem: to pay a price we could never pay
 - ...Rectify: to put us on a course we could never attain
 - ...Replace: to give us a life we could never generate

ALL THE CREATIVE, REVEALING, SAVING POWER IN THE
UNIVERSE IS IN A SINGLE WORD...
...JESUS!