

In the Beginning Was the Word: John 1:1-18

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INTRODUCTION TO THE MESSAGE

WHAT MIGHT ATTRACT UNBELIEVERS TO THE *LIVING WATER*?

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WHAT IF _____, WOULD *LIVING WATER* STILL HAVE VALUE?

THE FUNCTION OF A MOVIE TRAILER

THE FUNCTION OF JOHN 1:1-18 (JOHN'S PROLOGUE)

READING JOHN 1:1-18 AS A MOVIE-TRAILER

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¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God.

³All things were made thru Him, & apart from Him not one thing was made that has been made.

⁴In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men.

⁵And the Light shines in the darkness, yet the darkness did not grasp it.

⁶A man appeared, sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷He came to give testimony, to testify of the Light, that all might believe through him.

⁸He was not that Light, but he came to testify about the Light.

⁹That was the true Light which gives light to everyone who comes into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him.

¹¹He came to His own, and His own people did not accept Him.

¹²But to as many as did accept Him, He gave the right to be God's children, to those who believed in His Name:

¹³who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the Father's Only-begotten, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵John testified concerning Him and exclaimed, "This was the One of whom I said, 'The One coming after me ranks ahead of me, because He was before me.'

¹⁶And from His fullness we have all received, yes, grace upon grace.

¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸No one has ever seen God. The only begotten Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart—He has made Him known.

3 REREADING JOHN 1:1-18 AS A MOVIE-TRAILER

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¹In the beginning was the Word (**JESUS**), and the Word (**JESUS**) was with God, and the Word (**JESUS**) was God.

²He (**JESUS**) was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him (**JESUS**), & apart from Him (**JESUS**) not one thing was made that has been made. ⁴In Him (**JESUS**) was Life, and the Life (**JESUS**) was the Light of men. ⁵And the Light (**JESUS**) shines in the darkness, yet the darkness did not grasp it (**the Light = JESUS**).

⁶A man appeared, sent from God, whose name was John [the Baptist].

⁷He came to give testimony, to testify of the Light (**JESUS**), that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not that Light (**JESUS**), but he came to testify about the Light (**JESUS**). ⁹That (**JESUS**) was the true Light which gives light to everyone who comes into the world. ¹⁰He (**JESUS**) was in the world, and the world was made through Him (**JESUS**), yet the world did not know Him (**JESUS**). ¹¹He (**JESUS**) came to His own, and His own people did not accept Him. ¹²But to as many as did accept Him (**JESUS**), He (**JESUS**) gave the right to be God's children, to those who believed in His Name (**JESUS**): ¹³who were born, not of blood [e.g., bloodlines], nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man [e.g., the husband—*anēr* specifies a male], but of God. ¹⁴And the Word (**JESUS**) became flesh and lived among us, and we saw His (**JESUS**) glory, glory as of the Father's Only-begotten (**JESUS**), full of grace and truth. ¹⁵John testified concerning Him (**JESUS**) and exclaimed, "This (**JESUS**) was the One of whom I said, 'The One (**JESUS**) coming after me ranks ahead of me, because He (**JESUS**) was before me.' ¹⁶And from His (**JESUS**) fullness we have all received, yes, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; but grace and truth came through **Jesus Christ**. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. The only begotten Son (**JESUS**), who is nearest to the Father's heart—He (**JESUS**) has made Him (**the Father**) known."

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