

**30 Days Together**  
**“Immanuel - God With Us”**  
**#30daystogether**

**Day #1 – Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>** Happy Thanksgiving Friends!

**Text: John 1:1-18**

*Note: This “Word” and “Him” in the reading is talking of Jesus.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup> (John testified concerning Him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup> Out of His fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is Himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made Him known.

**Devotion:** Pastor Craig

What all did you see and experience today? Go ahead and share the answers. *(Pause)* Now do you realize that everything that blessed your day and filled your day was given to you by Jesus. Jesus. He was not just a man, He is the second person in the Trinity. God in flesh filled your day with so much good. Verse 3 captures that truth.

Verse one may sound familiar to you, John writes, “In the beginning was the Word”. Moses in Genesis writes, “In the beginning God created ...” John wants us to see and to recognize Jesus is God. How do you picture Jesus most often? What image of Jesus does your mind center on? Go ahead and share your thoughts. *(Pause)* We all see Jesus differently; the humble servant washing Peter’s feet, the one with the Children on His lap, the suffering servant on the cross, the Risen King of Easter, .... John wants us, in this passage, to see how glorious, powerful, and central Jesus is in our lives.

As you reflect on this passage what do you Give Thanks for that Jesus has and is doing in your life? Do you give thanks Jesus is:

<b>Eternal</b>	“in the beginning”
<b>Relational</b>	“with God”
<b>Creative</b>	“all things were made through Him”
<b>Life Giving</b>	“in Him was life”
<b>All powerful</b>	“the darkness doesn’t not overpower it/Him”

<b>Close</b>	"He came into the world"
<b>Hidden</b>	"the world did not recognize Him"
<b>Welcoming</b>	" He gave the right to become children of God"
<b>Intimate to you</b>	"the Word became flesh"
<b>Glorious</b>	"we have seen His glory"
<b>Gracious</b>	"grace and truth came through Jesus Christ"
<b>Divine</b>	"who is Himself God"

Spend some time in prayer and praise thanking Jesus for who He is.

Closing Prayer: "Father, Son and Holy Spirit we give thanks today and all days for who You are. You are the Almighty and the Loving maker of heaven and earth. And You are my light of love shining into our dark world. May I know you Jesus as John the Apostle and John the Baptist knew you. Amen"