

Considering Christmas John 1

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John 1 provides a remarkable reminder of just how amazing the Incarnation actually is.



John 1 *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... All things were made by him;... In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

Isaiah 1:2,3 *“Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: But my people doth not consider.”* (bin) understand, regard

328 Times the Bible calls us to “consider!”

Perhaps it's time we: *“Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.”* Job 37:14

1. LOOK UP! Ps 19:1 *“The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament shows his handywork,”*

A. The Hubble Space Telescope (launched in 1990) literally opened up the galaxies!

1) Our Galaxy has 250 billion stars and is 310,000,000,000,000 miles wide!

The sun is the nearest star at 93 million miles.

a) The next closest star (Alpha Centauri) is 4.3 light years away.

That's a trip of 25,000,000,000,000 (trillion) miles!

https://imagine.gsfc.nasa.gov/features/cosmic/milkyway_info.html

2) Andromeda galaxy (closest neighbor at 2.5 million light years away) has 1 trillion stars and is 110,000 light years wide!

3) Hercules galaxy is 1.5 million light years across. (15x larger than Milky Way)

B. Royal Astronomical Society reported in Jan. 2017, that our Universe contains at least 2 trillion galaxies! Ps 147:4-5 *“He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names! Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.”*

2. LOOK IN! Ps. 8:3-5

“When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

A. The Human Body contains 37 trillion cells; Each held together with Laminin!

Col. 1:17 *“He is before all things and by him all things consist!”* (stay together)

1) That's **148** times more than the stars in our Galaxy!

2) Each of these 37 trillion Cells have 3 billion DNA base pairs.

a) If the DNA in one cell was stretched out, it would measure 6 ½ feet long.

- b) If all the DNA in your body were put together (end to end) they would be twice the diameter of our Solar System! <https://www.sciencefocus.com/the-human-body/how-long-is-your-dna/>

3. LOOK AROUND. When God finally responded to Job's questions:

A. He asked Job to "consider" His creation! Job 38-42

1) Job 38:4 *"Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?"*

a) If the earth's crust had been only ten feet thicker, the elements in the crust would have absorbed all the free oxygen in the atmosphere.

2) Job 38:8,11 *"who shut up the sea, ... and said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further?"*

If the oceans were only a few feet deeper, They'd absorb so much carbon dioxide from the air!

3) Job 38:22 *"Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?"* (Intricate and Individual)

4) Job 38:35 *"Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are?"*

Lightning bolts can be up to 1 billion volts, 30,000 amps and 60,000 degrees.

Without lightning, the earth-atmosphere electrical balance would disappear in 5 minutes.

B. The Incarnation. Ps 8:3-5 *"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy hands; What is man, that thou art mindful of him... that thou visitest him?"* (pāqad: care for, watch over)

Hebrews 7:26 *"For such an high priest became us, ..."* (See also Heb. 4:14-16)

Jn 1:10,11 *"He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.*

He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him,

(paralamban'o: to associate with/near) *to them gave he power to become the sons of God, "*

Conclusion:

John 1 describes Jesus as: "The Word of God (1), God (1), Creator of all things (3) Life and Light (4), Grace and Truth (14) and ultimately:

"The Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world". Vs 29

- Has he taken away your sin? Heb. 12:3 *"for consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself"*

Application: Christmas is ultimately about choices.

- Jesus chose to come, live and die for us!
- Zacharias, Elizabeth, Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds and wise men, all chose to cooperate with God.
- Herod, the priests, the soldiers, all chose to oppose God and His Christ.

WHAT WILL YOUR CHOICE BE?

Luke 2:10-11 *"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."*

Considering Christmas:

Is He really your savior?

Is He really your Lord?