

JOHN 1:1

Question:

314 = QUOTATION QUESTION. Has Jesus always been God?

John 1:1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. (NLT)

King James Version:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

New International Version:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The Message:

The Word was first, the Word present to God, God present to the Word.

The Voice:

Before time itself was measured, the Voice was speaking.

Definitions & Synonyms

Always: ever, constantly, eternally

God: the Creator, the almighty, Absolute being

Beginning: Genesis, creation, opening, start

The Word: Jesus, the voice, logos

Already: before, then, previously


Existed: be, lived, was

Story (John 1:1-5)

- ¹ In the beginning the Word already existed.
The Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
- ² He existed in the beginning with God.
- ³ God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.
- ⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created,^[a]
and his life brought light to everyone.
- ⁵ The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.^[b]

This Gospel begins not with Jesus' birth or John's baptism but with a deliberate echo of the creation story in Genesis. It takes us back before time began to the moment when God interrupts the silence and speaks the cosmos into existence. Only John's Gospel names Jesus as the *Word* and declares that He existed long before time was measured. The Greek word used here carries a variety of meanings, all relating to the act of speaking. In the message translation the word "Voice" is used which adds a dimension you do not have by using the word "Word".

Jesus is the "Word" or "Voice" and he has been around since the beginning. In the beginning the Word already existed.

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