

# **“Knowing the Christ of Christmas According to the Gospel of John” (John 1:1-18)**

**Many Titles Given to the Jesus Christ Around the Time of His Birth  
Today: The Concept of the Title – the “Word” – Its Meaning and Relevancy**

## **I. The Meaning of the “Word” (Logos, λόγος)**

**A. Definition: The Outward Form of a Word or Words, which Embodies a  
Conception or Idea, by which the Inward Thought is Expressed**

**B. Old Testament Usage of the Term – the “Word”**

- **The Hidden God Reveals Himself in Creation (Genesis 1; Psalm 33:6)**
- **The Word is Personified (Psalm 107:20; 147:15; Isaiah 55:11)**

**C. The Term was Used Extensively, but John Invested it in a Peculiar Sense  
(John 1:1-2)**

- **The Identity of the “Word”: Pre-existent, Creative; Communion – Distinct;  
The Word is Co-equal with God (1:1)**

## **II. The Relevancy of the “Word” to Us**

**A. In Incarnation, the Word Identifies with Mankind (1:14)**

- **The Word Came to do something about the Fate of men’s Eternal Souls**

**B. The Word is Life and the True Light (1:3-5)**

- **Light in Contrast with Darkness – the Condition of Mankind (1:10-11; 12-13)**

**Make the Word Relevant by Receiving/Believing in the Word  
as your Savior and God!**

**C. The Word Revealed His Glory in a Full Display of Grace and Truth (1:14,  
16-17)**

- **The Word of Grace and Truth in Contrast to the Great Law-giver, Moses**

**The Word Becomes Relevant when a Person is Freed from the Bondage of  
Attempting to Earn/Keep his Salvation by Performance**

**D. Share the Good News about the Word**

**May the Christ of Christmas Be Relevant Throughout the Year!**

## “从约翰福音来认识圣诞节的基督” (约翰福音 1:1-18)

在基督诞生之时,有许多给予他的头衔称号

今天:“道”的概念 - 它的含义和对我们的关联

### I. “道、话语”的含义 (Logos, λόγος)

A. 以外在的、囊括一些概念和想法的言语、词句,来表达内在的意念

B. 旧约对“道”这词的用法

- 隐藏的神,从创造来启示他自己 (创世纪 1 章; 诗篇 33:6)
- “道”的想法被“人格化”(诗篇 107:20; 147:15; 以赛亚书 55:11)

C. 这词在当时被广泛的使用;但是约翰却附上特别的含义 (约翰福音 1:1-2)

- “道”的身份:永恒,有创造力;沟通 - 独特性、有区别;道与神等位

### II. “道”与我们有切身相关的关系

A. 当道成肉身时,他与人类认同 (1:14)

- 道之所以要来,乃是要处理人类命运的归宿

B. 道是生命、是真光 (1:3-5)

- 光和黑暗 - 人的景况 - 对比 (1:10-11; 12-13)

接受这位道为你的救主和神 - 让这位道和你有切身相关的关系

C. 这位道从完全展示的恩典和真理、来彰显他的荣耀 (1:14, 16-17)

- 这位恩典、真理之道和律法颁布人,摩西的对比

那些想依靠表现来赚取或维持救恩的人,一旦得到释放之后,  
就可以体会这位道和他的切身关系了

D. 分享这位“道”的福音

让这位圣诞节的“道”从年初到年尾都能够与你息息相关!