THE QUESTION

What did the early Christians believe about Christ as the Word of God?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

The early writers taught that the Word of God is God's own Son, who was with God and was God from the beginning. All things were made through Him. He came forth from the Father without any loss to the Father, and in time He became flesh from the Virgin Mary.

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The Word was with God and was God

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Gregory Thaumaturgus builds his confession on the opening of John's Gospel. Alexander of Alexandria reasons from the same chapter: since all things were made by the Word, He cannot be one of the things made, and there was never a time when He did not exist.

1 “For we know that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (c. 240–270 AD) **Source 41, page 9** **Read it in the library ›**
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2 “For if all things were made by Him, how can it be that He, who gave existence to the things that were made, at one time did not exist?”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Alexander of Alexandria,** *Epistles on the Arian Heresy* 1 (c. 313–328 AD) **Source 57, page 10** **Read it in the library ›**
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God made all things through His Word

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Novatian finds the same teaching in Moses and in John: God commanded, and the Word carried out the work of creation. Theophilus likewise calls the Word God's helper, through whom He made everything.

3 “What if Moses follows this same rule of truth and gives us, at the beginning of his sacred writings, this principle by which we may learn that all things were created and established by the Son of God, that is, by the Word of God?”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Novatian,** *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 17 (c. 240–258 AD) **Source 44, page 9** **Read it in the library ›**
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4 “He had this Word as a helper in the things that were created by Him, and by Him He made all things.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Theophilus of Antioch,** *To Autolycus* 10 (c. 169–183 AD) **Source 13, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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The Word was always within God

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Theophilus and Athenagoras both describe the Word as God's own mind and reason. Because God has always been rational, He has always had His Word in Himself, even before anything was made.

5 “Not as the poets and writers of myths speak of the sons of gods begotten from intercourse with women, but as the truth explains, the Word always exists, dwelling within the heart of God. For before anything came into being, He had Him as a counselor, being His own mind and thought.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Theophilus of Antioch,** *To Autolycus* 22 (c. 169–183 AD) **Source 14, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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6 “For from the beginning, God, who is the eternal mind, had the Word in Himself, because He was from eternity endowed with reason.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Athenagoras,** *A Plea for the Christians* 10 (c. 170–190 AD) **Source 15, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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He came forth without lessening the Father

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Tatian compares the Word's coming forth to lighting many fires from one torch: the first flame loses nothing. Lactantius uses the picture of a stream flowing from a fountain. Both stress that the Father is not divided or emptied when the Word comes from Him.

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7 “For just as many fires are lighted from one torch, yet the light of the first torch is not lessened by the kindling of many torches, so the Word, coming forth from the Word-power of the Father, has not stripped from Him who begot Him the Word-power.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tatian,** *Address to the Greeks* 5 (c. 150–180 AD) **Source 10, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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8 “How much more, then, should we believe that the voice of God remains forever and is joined with awareness and power, which it has received from God the Father, as a stream from its fountain!”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Lactantius,** *Divine Institutes* 8 (c. 290–320 AD) **Source 54, page 10** Read it in the library ›
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The Word is a living Son

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Gregory says the Word is not like a word we speak, which fades away, but a Son who is God by nature. Hippolytus insists that when John calls the Son the Word, he is not using a mere figure of speech.

9 “He is not like a spoken word, nor like a son by adoption, in the sense in which angels and men are called sons of God, but as a Son who is by nature God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (c. 240–270 AD) **Source 42, page 9** Read it in the library ›
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10 “For John does indeed speak of the Word, but it is not by a figure of speech. No, it is by no figure of speech.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Against the Heresy of Noetus* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 30, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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The Word truly became flesh

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Methodius reads the angel's greeting to Mary as a sign that God the Word would take flesh from her. Novatian rejects the idea that Christ only seemed to have a body: the Word really took on our flesh, so that our body is in Him.

11 “From this we learn that when the angel greeted the Virgin with the words, "Hail, you who are highly favored, the Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28), he meant to show that God the Word is with you, and also to show that He would arise from her womb and would be made flesh, just as it is written: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of you shall be called the Son of God"”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Methodius,** *Fragments* 1 (c. 270–311 AD) **Source 53, page 10** Read it in the library ›
THF's updated English

12 “So, for good reason, our body should be in Him, because the Word indeed took on our flesh.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Novatian,** *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 10 (c. 240–258 AD) **Source 50, page 9** Read it in the library ›
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One person, the Word made man

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Gregory confesses one person who is both perfect God and perfect man, worshiped with one worship. Ignatius asks how anyone could call Christ a mere man whose existence began with Mary, when Scripture speaks of Him as God the Word.

13 “We acknowledge that He is both the perfect Son of God and the perfect Son of man, that the Person is only one, and that there is one worship for the Word and the flesh that He assumed.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (c. 240–270 AD) **Source 41, page 9** Read it in the library ›
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14 “How could He be merely a man, deriving the start of His existence from Mary, and not rather God the Word, and the only-begotten Son?”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistles of Ignatius* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 6, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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The Word makes us truly rational

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Origen explains that Christ is called the Word partly because of what He does in us. By sharing in Him, believers put away what is irrational and dead and learn to do everything for God's glory.

15 “In the same way, He is also called the Word, because He takes away from us all that is irrational and makes us truly rational, so that we do all things, even eating and drinking, to the glory of God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Commentary on John* 1 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 31, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages speak of Christ as the Word; they say little here about Scripture as the word of God.
- Theophilus and Tatian describe the Word coming forth when God made the world; these passages do not settle exactly how that fits with His always being with God.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 57 early Christian passages and 280 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–57, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 58–163, in Bible order), then 174 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages

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EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *57 passages from 19 writers*

Barnabas, *c. 70–132 AD · source 1*

1 *Epistle of Barnabas* (1885 English; on point 6) again: Jesus who was manifested, both by type and in the flesh… [continues online] **read ›**

Mathetes, *c. 80–200 AD · source 2*

2 *Epistle to Diognetus* might be manifested to the world; and He, being despised by the people (of the Jews… [continues online] **read ›**

Ignatius of Antioch, *c. 98–117 AD · sources 3–7*

3 *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* (on point 6) "the Word was made flesh." Being incorporeal, He was in the body… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Epistle to the Trallians* (1885 English; on point 6) "truly assumed a body; for "the Word was made flesh," and lived upon earth without sin… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Epistles of Ignatius* (on point 6) There is only One who became incarnate, and it was not the Father or the Paraclete, but the Son alone, who became so not in appearance or imagination, but in… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Epistles of Ignatius* **Quote 14, page 6** "in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." And… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Epistle to the Magnesians* (on point 1) "being begotten by the Father before the beginning of time, was God the Word, the only-begotten Son, and… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · sources 8–9*

8 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English; on point 5) "I have already proved that He was the only-begotten of the Father of all things, being begotten in a peculiar manner Word and Power by Him, and having afterwards… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *First Apology* (1885 English; on point 1) "also, being the first-begotten Word of God, is even God… [continues online] **read ›**

Tatian, *c. 150–180 AD · sources 10–12*

10 *Address to the Greeks* 5 **Quote 7, page 4** "was in the beginning. But we have been taught that the beginning is the power of the Word. For the Lord of the universe is Himself the necessary ground of… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Address to the Greeks* 7 (on point 2) "begot Him, made man an image of immortality. He did this so that, just as incorruption is with God, in the same way man, by sharing in a part of… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Address to the Greeks* 13 (1885 English) "Logos, in truth, is the light of God, but the ignorant soul is darkness… [continues online] **read ›**

Theophilus of Antioch, *c. 169–183 AD · sources 13–14*

13 *To Autolycus* 10 **Quote 4, page 3** "then, having His own Word internal within His own bowels, begot Him, emitting Him along with His own wisdom before all things… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *To Autolycus* 22 **Quote 5, page 3** "the Father and Lord of all, went to the garden in the person of God and talked with Adam. For the divine writing itself teaches us that Adam said he… [continues online] **read ›**

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Athenagoras, *c. 170–190 AD · source 15*

15 *A Plea for the Christians* 10 **Quote 6, page 3** “we are not atheists, because we acknowledge one God: uncreated, eternal, invisible, incapable of suffering, incomprehensible, and without limit. He is understood only by the mind and reason. He is… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 16–17*

16 *Against Heresies: Book I* (1885 English; on point 6) “summing up his statements respecting the Word previously mentioned by him, he further declares, “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.” But, according to their hypothesis, the… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *Fragments from the Lost Writings of Irenæus* (1885 English) “He is the perfect Intelligence, the Word of God, who was begotten before the light… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 18–21*

18 *Exhortation to the Heathen* 11 Word, returning grateful thanks for the benefits we have received, and honoring God through the Divine Word. For while you are still speaking, it is said, "Behold, I am beside… [continues online] **read ›**

19 *Instructor* 1.6 (1885 English) “food — that is, the Lord Jesus — that is, the Word of God, the Spirit made flesh, the heavenly flesh sanctified… [continues online] **read ›**

20 *Exhortation to the Heathen* 10 (1885 English; on point 5) “the image of God is His Word, the genuine Son of Mind, the Divine Word, the archetypal light of light… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *Stromata* 1.26 (1885 English) “Corinthians 1:24 Again, the expounder of the laws is the same one by whom the law was given… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 22–26*

22 *Against Praxeas* 27 (on point 7) a change and transformation of substance, then it follows at once that Jesus must be a substance made up of two substances, flesh and spirit, a kind of mixture, like… [continues online] **read ›**

23 *On the Flesh of Christ* 20 (on point 6) “by saying "made," he not only confirmed the statement, "The Word was… [continues online] **read ›**

24 *On the Flesh of Christ* 18 (on point 6) “whether it was of the flesh that the Word was made flesh, or whether it was so… [continues online] **read ›**

25 *On Modesty* 6 (1885 English; on point 6) “when the Word of God descended into flesh —(flesh) not unsealed even by marriage, — and the Word was made flesh, — (flesh) never to be unsealed by marriage, — which was to… [continues online] **read ›**

26 *On the Flesh of Christ* 13 (on point 7) remains unimpaired: two substances distinct in kind, thus excluding the unique kind of a soul made up of flesh… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · sources 27–30*

27 *Refutation of All Heresies* 29 (on point 4) this one and highest Deity, by an act of thought, first brought forth the Word (Logos). He did not bring forth a word in the sense of something spoken by… [continues online] **read ›**

28 *Against the Heresy of Noetus* 1 “although every day you see the cause according to man. Neither can you tell accurately the divine arrangement in His case. For it is not in your power to acquaint… [continues online] **read ›**

29 *Refutation of All Heresies* 29 (1885 English) “Logos alone of this God is from God himself… [continues online] **read ›**

30 *Against the Heresy of Noetus* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 10, page 4** “neither was the Word, prior to incarnation and when by Himself, yet perfect Son, although He was perfect Word, only-begotten… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 31–37*

31 *Commentary on John* 1 **Quote 15, page 6** “the passage does not necessarily mean more than that the heavens were founded by the reason, logos, of God, just as we say that a house is built by the… [continues online] **read ›**

32 *Commentary on John* 2 (on point 1) “was in the beginning with God. In the three statements before this, the Evangelist has made known to us three orders of truth, and now he gathers the three into… [continues online] **read ›**

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33 *Commentary on John* 2 (1885 English; on point 1) “must enquire into this. As the God who is over all is God with the article not without it, so the Logos is the source of that reason (Logos) which… [continues online] **read ›**

34 *Commentary on John* 2 (on point 8) “again, of the Logos of God and of the Logos of God made flesh, and of Logoi, or beings which partake in some way of the Logos, of second Logoi… [continues online] **read ›**

35 *Commentary on John* 2 (on point 6) “the Word was made flesh on the earth… [continues online] **read ›**

36 *Commentary on John* 2 strained, since we have taken the Word in one sense to be the Word in the beginning, who was with God, God the Word, and have now taken it in… [continues online] **read ›**

37 *Commentary on John* 2 (on point 2) and the man, belong to the category of nothings, so it has been supposed that all that is not of God is Nothing, and has not even received through the… [continues online] **read ›**

Dionysius of Alexandria, *c. 232–265 AD · sources 38–39*

38 *Miscellaneous Fragments* 1 (on point 4) the same way, our mind sends out a word from itself, as the prophet says, "My heart has uttered a good word." These two are distinct from each other, each… [continues online] **read ›**

39 *Miscellaneous Fragments* 1 (on point 6) “One says, “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us… [continues online] **read ›**

Gregory Thaumaturgus, *c. 240–270 AD · sources 40–43*

40 *On the Trinity* 1 (on point 3) “Word Himself is before every creature, eternal from the Eternal, like spring from spring, and light from light… [continues online] **read ›**

41 *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 **Quotes 1, 13, pages 2, 5** “we know that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God… [continues online] **read ›**

42 *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 9, page 4** “the Father, being Himself the perfect Person, has thus the perfect Word begotten of Him truly, not as a word that is spoken, nor yet again as a son by… [continues online] **read ›**

43 *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (on point 1) “1:1. And there is a divinity present according to nature in… [continues online] **read ›**

Novatian, *c. 240–258 AD · sources 44–50*

44 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 17 **Quote 3, page 2** “the Word of God was made flesh and dwelt among us… [continues online] **read ›**

45 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 18 (on point 6) “this is the Word of God. And the Word of God was made flesh and dwelt among us… [continues online] **read ›**

46 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 31 (on point 4) is acknowledged in the substance of the power put forth by God. The mysteries of His sacred and divine nativity no apostle has learned, no prophet has discovered, no angel… [continues online] **read ›**

47 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 13 (on point 7) so John also, describing the birth of Christ, says, "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the only begotten… [continues online] **read ›**

48 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 21 that He can raise up again and rebuild the destroyed temple of His body, except because He is the Word who is from the Father, who is with the Father… [continues online] **read ›**

49 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 14 (1885 English; on point 6) “He was the Word made flesh and dwelt among us… [continues online] **read ›**

50 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 10 **Quote 12, page 5** “John says, "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us… [continues online] **read ›**

Dionysius of Rome, *c. 259–268 AD · source 51*

51 *Against the Sabellians* 1 (on point 1) “and who decided that the Lord was made just like one of the things that truly were made. The divine statements testify that He was begotten, as is fitting and… [continues online] **read ›**

Methodius, *c. 270–311 AD · sources 52–53*

52 *Concerning Free Will* 1 (1885 English; on point 6) “the meanwhile the evangelist says with firmness, The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us… [continues online] **read ›**

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53 *Fragments* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 11, page 5** “the meanwhile the evangelist says with firmness, The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · sources 54–55*

54 *Divine Institutes* 8 (1885 English) **Quote 8, page 4** “good reason, therefore, is He called the Speech and the Word of God, because God, by a certain incomprehensible energy and power of His majesty, enclosed the vocal spirit proceeding… [continues online] **read ›**

55 *Epitome of the Divine Institutes* 42 (on point 3) “in the beginning, before He made the world, from the fountain of His own eternity and from the divine and everlasting Spirit, begot for… [continues online] **read ›**

Alexander of Alexandria, *c. 313–328 AD · sources 56–57*

56 *Epistles on the Arian Heresy* 1 investigate the Father, because the nature of rational beings cannot receive the knowledge of His divine generation by the Father. But men who are moved by the Spirit of truth… [continues online] **read ›**

57 *Epistles on the Arian Heresy* 1 **Quote 2, page 2** “Him like this: "The only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father," John 1:18. Since that divine teacher meant to show that the Father and the… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *106 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

58 **Genesis 1:3** Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. **read ›**

59 **Exodus 3:15** And God said again to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘The Lord God of our fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my eternal name, and my memorial from generation to generation. **read ›**

60 **Exodus 4:5** “This is so that they may believe you: that the God of their fathers has appeared to you, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” **read ›**

61 **Exodus 32:16** The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. **read ›**

62 **Exodus 33:19** And the Lord said, “I will pass by before you in my glory, and I will call by my name, ‘The Lord,’ before you; and I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” **read ›**

63 **Exodus 34:6** The Lord passed by before his face and proclaimed, “The Lord God, compassionate and merciful, long-suffering, great in mercy, and true, **read ›**

64 **Deuteronomy 32:3** For I have called on the name of the Lord; give greatness to our God. **read ›**

65 **Deuteronomy 32:4** God—true are his works, and all his ways are judgment; God is faithful, and there is no unrighteousness; righteous and holy is the Lord. **read ›**

66 **2 Samuel 23:2** The Spirit of the Lord spoke in me, and his word was on my tongue. **read ›**

67 **Psalms 2:7** declaring the statute of the Lord: the Lord said to me, ‘You are my Son; today I have begotten you. **read ›**

68 **Isaiah 40:8** but the word of our God remains forever.” **read ›**

69 **Isaiah 42:8** I am the Lord God; this is my name. My glory I will not give to another, nor my praises to carved images. **read ›**

70 **Jeremiah 2:7** And I brought you into Carmel, to eat its fruits and its good things; and you went in and defiled my land, and made my inheritance an abomination. **read ›**

71 **Jeremiah 18:2** Arise and go down to the potter’s house, and there you will hear my words. **read ›**

72 **Jeremiah 18:8** and if that nation turns from all its evils, I will relent concerning the evils that I planned to do to them. **read ›**

73 **Jeremiah 28:3** Yet two years of days, and I will bring back to this place the vessels of the house of the Lord, (Septuagint Jeremiah 35:3 (Jeremiah 28:3 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

74 **Jeremiah 28:7** Nevertheless hear the word of the Lord that I speak in your ears and in the ears of all the people. (Septuagint Jeremiah 35:7 (Jeremiah 28:7 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

75 **Jeremiah 32:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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76 **Jeremiah 32:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

77 **Jeremiah 49:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

78 **Ezekiel 33:4** and the one who hears does hear the sound of the trumpet, yet does not take warning, and the sword comes and overtakes him—his blood shall be on his own head. **read ›**

79 **Ezekiel 37:15** And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, **read ›**

80 **Hosea 12:10** And I will speak to the prophets; and I have multiplied visions, and by the hands of the prophets I have been represented. (Septuagint Hosea 12:11 (Hosea 12:10 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

81 **Amos 1:7** And I will send forth a fire upon the walls of Gaza, and it shall devour its foundations. **read ›**

82 **Amos 1:9** Thus says the Lord: For three ungodly deeds of Tyre, and for four, I will not turn away from it, because they shut up the captivity of Solomon in Idumea, and did not remember the covenant of brothers. **read ›**

83 **Amos 2:13** Therefore, behold, I am rolling beneath you, as a wagon full of straw is rolled. **read ›**

84 **Amos 2:14** And flight shall perish from the runner, and the strong shall certainly not hold on to his strength, and the warrior shall certainly not save his life; **read ›**

85 **Amos 7:2** And it shall be, if it finishes devouring the grass of the land— and I said, “O Lord God, be gracious! Who will raise up Jacob? For he is very small. **read ›**

86 **Amos 9:1** I saw the Lord standing upon the altar, and he said: Strike the mercy seat, and the gateways shall be shaken; and cut into the heads of all; and the rest of them I will kill with the sword; no fugitive of them shall ever escape, and no survivor of them shall ever be saved. **read ›**

87 **Micah 4:13** Arise and thresh them, daughter of Zion, for I will make your horns iron, and I will make your hoofs bronze; and you shall melt away many peoples, and you shall dedicate their abundance to the Lord, and their strength to the Lord of all the earth. **read ›**

88 **Wisdom of Solomon 1:7** For the Spirit of the Lord has filled the world, and that which holds all things together has knowledge of every word spoken. **read ›**

89 **Wisdom of Solomon 1:9** For there will be an inquiry into the counsels of the ungodly man, and the report of his words will come to the Lord, to convict him of his lawless deeds. **read ›**

90 **Wisdom of Solomon 2:13** He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself the child of the Lord. **read ›**

91 **Wisdom of Solomon 2:14** He has become to us a rebuke to our thoughts. **read ›**

92 **Wisdom of Solomon 6:19** and incorruption brings one near to God; **read ›**

93 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:2** and in the womb of a mother I was molded into flesh, within the time of ten months, compacted in blood from the seed of a man and the pleasure that came with sleep. **read ›**

94 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:23** loving mankind, steadfast, sure, free from care, all-powerful, overseeing all, and passing through all spirits that are intelligent, pure, and most subtle. **read ›**

95 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:26** For she is a radiance of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. **read ›**

96 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:27** Though she is one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God and prophets. **read ›**

97 **Wisdom of Solomon 8:20** or rather, being good, I entered an undefiled body. **read ›**

98 **Wisdom of Solomon 9:1** “O God of the fathers, and Lord of your mercy, who made all things by your word, **read ›**

99 **Wisdom of Solomon 10:1** She guarded the first-formed father of the world, when he alone had been created, and delivered him from his own transgression, **read ›**

100 **Wisdom of Solomon 18:15** your all-powerful word leaped from heaven, from the royal thrones, a stern warrior, into the midst of the doomed land, **read ›**

101 **Wisdom of Sirach 4:24** For wisdom will be known by speech, and instruction by the word of the tongue. **read ›**

102 **Wisdom of Sirach 14:17** All flesh grows old like a garment, for the covenant from of old is, ‘You shall die the death.’ **read ›**

103 **Wisdom of Sirach 23:12** There is a manner of speech clothed in death; let it not be found in the inheritance of Jacob. For all these things will be far from the godly, and they will not wallow in sins. **read ›**

104 **Wisdom of Sirach 43:26** Because of him, success is its end, and by his word all things hold together. **read ›**

105 **Wisdom of Sirach 44:20** who kept the law of the Most High and entered into a covenant with him; and in his flesh he established a covenant, and when tested he was found faithful. **read ›**

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106 **Baruch 3:35** This is our God; no other will be reckoned in comparison with him. **read ›**

107 **Baruch 3:37** After this he appeared on earth and lived among men. **read ›**

108 **Baruch 5:4** For your name will be called by God forever: Peace of Righteousness and Glory of Godliness. **read ›**

109 **2 Maccabees 14:35** “You, O Lord, who have need of nothing at all, were pleased that there should be a temple for your dwelling among us. **read ›**

110 **4 Maccabees 15:17** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

111 **1 Enoch 14:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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120 **1 Enoch 81:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

121 **1 Enoch 106:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

122 **Matthew 4:4** But he answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.’” **read ›**

123 **Luke 3:22** and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, saying, “You are my beloved Son; in you I am well pleased.” **read ›**

124 **Luke 4:8** Jesus answered him, “Get behind me, Satan! It is written: You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only you shall serve.” **read ›**

125 **Luke 6:9** Then Jesus said to them, “I will ask you something: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good, or to do harm? To save a life, or to kill?” **read ›**

126 **Luke 7:4** When they came to Jesus, they begged him earnestly, saying, “He is worthy for you to do this for him, **read ›**

127 **Luke 8:1** Soon afterward he went through cities and villages, proclaiming and preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, **read ›**

128 **Luke 8:18** Be careful therefore how you hear. For whoever has, to him will be given; and whoever does not have, from him will be taken away even that which he thinks he has.” **read ›**

129 **Luke 12:1** Meanwhile, when a multitude of many thousands had gathered together, so much so that they trampled on each other, he began to tell his disciples first of all, “Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. **read ›**

130 **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **read ›**

131 **John 1:2** He was in the beginning with God. **read ›**

132 **John 1:10** He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, and the world did not know him. **read ›**

133 **John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we looked upon his glory, glory as of the only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. **read ›**

134 **John 1:18** No one has ever seen God; the only-begotten Son, who is close to the Father’s chest, he has made him known. **read ›**

135 **Acts 1:2** until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. **read ›**

136 **Acts 7:14** Joseph sent and summoned Jacob his father and all his relatives, seventy-five souls. **read ›**

137 **Acts 11:2** When Peter had come up to Jerusalem, those who were of the circumcision contended with him, **read ›**

138 **Romans 1:1** Paul, a slave of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, **read ›**

139 **Romans 1:4** who was declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, **read ›**

140 **Romans 10:1** Brothers, my heart’s desire and my prayer to God is for Israel, that they may be saved. **read ›**

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141 **Romans 10:17** So faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. **read ›**

142 **Romans 13:3** For rulers are not a terror to good works but to evil works. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do good, and you will have praise from it, **read ›**

143 **Romans 13:8** Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. **read ›**

144 **1 Corinthians 5:4** in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you and my spirit are gathered together, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, **read ›**

145 **Galatians 4:4** But when the fullness of the time came, God sent out his Son, born to a woman, born under the law, **read ›**

146 **Ephesians 4:6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in us all. **read ›**

147 **Ephesians 6:1** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **read ›**

148 **Philippians 2:7** but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming to be in the likeness of men. **read ›**

149 **Philippians 2:20** For I have no one like-minded who will sincerely care for your affairs. **read ›**

150 **Colossians 1:15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **read ›**

151 **1 Thessalonians 2:13** For this cause we also thank God without ceasing that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, God's word, which also works in you who believe. **read ›**

152 **1 Timothy 3:16** And by common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. **read ›**

153 **Hebrews 1:2** whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also made the ages, **read ›**

154 **Hebrews 1:5** For to which of the angels did he ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? And again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? **read ›**

155 **Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart. **read ›**

156 **James 1:18** Of his own will he gave birth to us by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. **read ›**

157 **1 Peter 1:25** but the word of the Lord remains forever. And this is the word that was preached to you as the gospel. **read ›**

158 **1 John 1:1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and our hands touched, concerning the Word of life— **read ›**

159 **1 John 4:9** In this the love of God was manifested among us, that God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we might live through him. **read ›**

160 **Revelation 1:8** "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." **read ›**

161 **Revelation 3:14** To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These things says the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation: **read ›**

162 **Revelation 4:5** Out of the throne proceed lightnings, sounds, and thunders. There were seven lamps of fire burning before his throne, which are the seven spirits of God. **read ›**

163 **Revelation 19:13** He is clothed in a garment dipped in blood, and his name is called the Word of God. **read ›**

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