

# Calvary Chapel of Greene – Greek New Testament (GNT) Study Helps

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John 1:1-3

## How To Use This Study Help:

See December 30, 2007 GNTSH or <http://www.calvaryofgreene.com>

**Beginning** – John 1:1; ἀρχή (archay): beginning, origin, source. The phrase that starts off this gospel ἐν ἀρχῇ (en archay), 'In (the) beginning' is found as the first phrase in the LXX, the Septuagint, the translation of the Old Testament into Greek around 300 B.C. in Genesis 1:1 ἐν ἀρχῇ ἐποίησεν ὁ θεὸς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ τὴν γῆν ('in beginning God created the heaven and the earth'). Other instances of ἐν ἀρχῇ are in Acts 11:15 as Peter was relating to 'those of the circumcision' (:2) what had happened in Caesarea (chapter 10), 'the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning' (ἐν ἀρχῇ) i.e. 'in (the) beginning (of the church in Jerusalem – Acts 2). This phrase is used one other time in the Greek New Testament, Philippians 4:15, 'now you Philippians know that in (the) beginning (ἐν ἀρχῇ) of the gospel'. Other phrases as in Matthew 19:4, 'ἀπ' ἀρχῆς' (ap' archays) 'Did you not read that the one having created (them) from (the) beginning, male and female he made them.' In Revelation 3:14: 'the Witness, persuasive and true, the source (or origin) (ἀρχή) of the creation of God. In Revelation 21:6 our Lord declares 'I AM the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning (ἀρχή) and the End'. And in Revelation 22:13 we read, 'The First and the Last, the Beginning and the End'. Christ is the Origin and the Destination. The origin and source of all things (see below).

**Was** – John 1:1; εἶμί (eimi): the verb of being 'I am'. Here (John 1:1) in the imperfect tense, expressing a continual state of being in past time. This is translated 'was' i.e. was continually existing. In Exodus 3:13 Moses asked God what His name was and in :14 God said 'I AM WHO I AM... Thus you shall say... I AM has sent me to you.' In Mark 14:62 in answer to the questions of :61, 'Are you the Messiah?', Jesus said, 'I AM, and you shall see the son of man sitting on the right hand of power.'

**Word** – John 1:1; λόγος (logos): Word, speech, the embodiment of a concept or idea. A λόγος (logos) as a speech is a collection of individual words ῥήματα (raymata). John 12:23 'then this saying (λόγος) went out. Jesus was asked to 'speak a word' in Matthew 8:8. In Luke 7:17, and this report (λόγος) about Him went throughout all Judea'. In John 1:14, 'the Word became flesh and set up his tent among us.'

**All Things** – John 1:2; πᾶς (pas): All, every. Here πάντα – 'all things'. As further in the verse we see 'not even one thing which has been made'. Ἐν (hen) 'one thing'. Each and everything that has come into being has done so by and through Christ. In Colossians 2:16-17 we read 'in Him were created all things, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth... All things through Him and unto Him have been created and He is before all things, and all things in Him are held together.

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In (the) beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. This one was in beginning with God. All things through Him were made, and without Him was made not even one thing which has been made. **Gospel According to John 1:1-3**

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Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ Λόγος, καὶ ὁ Λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν Θεόν, καὶ Θεὸς ἦν ὁ Λόγος. Οὗτος ἦν ἐν ἀρχῇ πρὸς τὸν Θεόν. πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο, καὶ χωρὶς αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο οὐδὲ ἓν ὃ γέγονεν. **ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ ΚΑΤΑ ΙΩΑΝΝΗΝ 1:1-3**

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