

# The Word

*one to one*

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## Journey through John's Gospel with a friend

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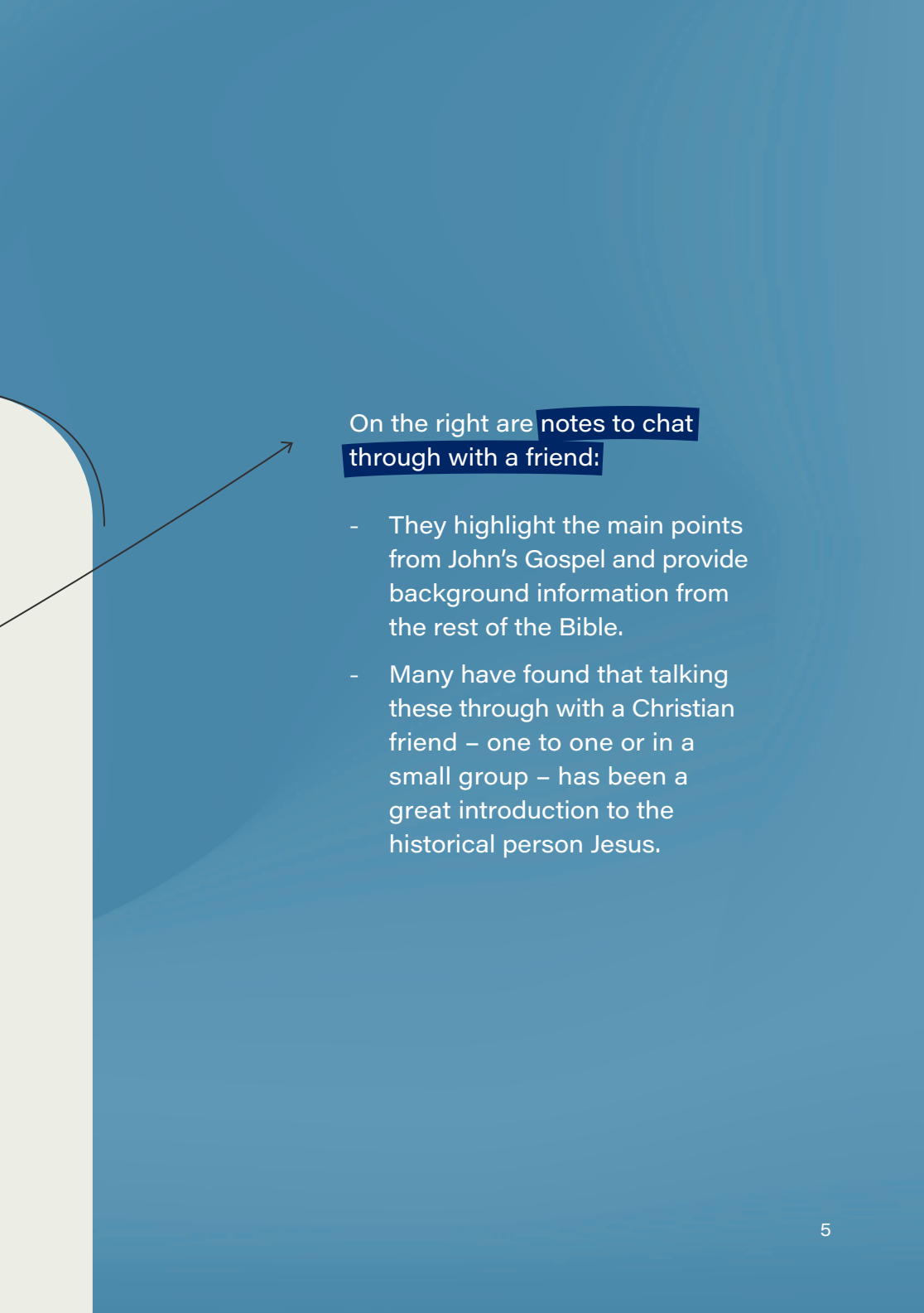
*The Word One to One helps you get started with the Bible.*

### How it works

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On the left is text from **'John's Gospel' – one of the books of the Bible:**

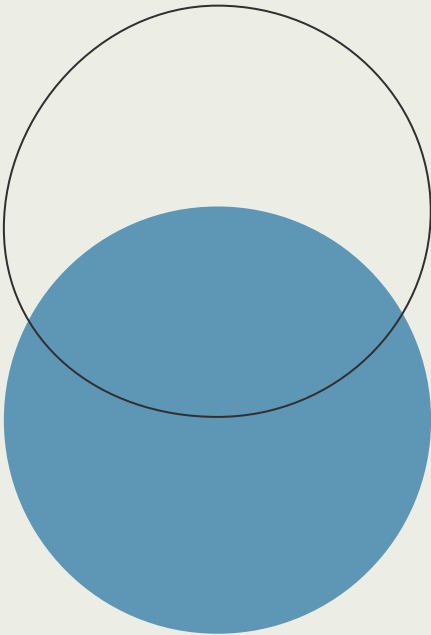
- John lived with Jesus for three action packed years.
- We'll read the account of what he saw and heard during that time.



On the right are notes to chat through with a friend:

- They highlight the main points from John's Gospel and provide background information from the rest of the Bible.
- Many have found that talking these through with a Christian friend – one to one or in a small group – has been a great introduction to the historical person Jesus.

# Episode 1



# God came to earth

JOHN 1:1-18

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*In this episode:  
John's eyewitness account  
starts with an overview.*

You might find this a surprising start. We don't begin with the baby Jesus and His famous birth.

There is no stable, no angels, no Bethlehem... but rather some massive claims... so don't be surprised if it will need some unpacking.

This is what  
John wrote –  
read this first

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning.

<sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

Then use the notes  
to chat it through

# The God who made everything

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John introduces us to 'the Word':

- Twice he says the Word was there 'in the beginning'.
- So the Word existed before time, before creation, before the beginning...
- In short... the Word is eternal.

But who or what is the Word?

- The Word is God. (v. 1)
- The Word is a person, see how the sentence starts with 'He' (v. 2)
- The Word, who is God and a person, made absolutely everything, no exceptions. (v. 3)

*Already we're being introduced to the Creator!*

But John's claims for the Word go even further...

<sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



But what difference does the Word make for life?

- As Creator, the Word is the source of physical life. **(v. 4)**
- But as we'll see, He is also the source of eternal life.
- The Word gives understanding for life (light). **(v. 4)**
- The darkness in our world can't stop Him bringing life and light to mankind. **(v. 5)**

For 2,000 years His life-giving message has been going out unchanged.

There are more believers around the world today than ever before.

In fact...

*The light of the Word  
continues to shine today.*

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

<sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.

<sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.