
When the Word Came to Earth: 3 Responses

(John 1:10-12)

Group #1

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

1. The Condition: **His Presence** – He was in the world
2. The Group: **World (Creation)**
3. His Identity: **Creator**
4. The Result: **NO Recognition**

John 17:25 *O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.*

Group #2

¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

1. The Condition: **Presentation**
2. The Group: **His own (Nation)**
3. His Identity: **King / Messiah**
4. The Result: **Rejection**

Group #3

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

1. The Condition: **Presentation**
2. The Group: **Receivers (Individual)**
 - a. Individuals (personal action) – individual matter
 - b. Universal offer
3. The Gift: **Authority to become children of God**
 - a. v. 10 – “became”

- b. We are not children of God before receiving Him
 - c. Those that go against the current of the masses
 - d. Results in a change in status
4. His Identity: **Him... His name...**
 - a. **Jesus’ Identity – Who He is**
 - b. **Jesus’ Ability / Authority – What He can do**

John 17:2 "as You *have* given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.
 - c. **Jesus’ Credibility – What He has promised**
 5. The Result: **Reception (Belief)**

2:23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did.

3:18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

20:31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

c.p. 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

Believing "in the name of Jesus" is found only in John and 1 John; it implies "acceptance of Jesus to the full extent of his revelation" ¹

¹ Beasley-Murray, G. R. (2002). *Vol. 36: Word Biblical Commentary : John*. Word Biblical Commentary (13). Dallas: Word, Incorporated.