



**The DAILY JESUS NEWS #001**  
**Jesus' Eternal Preexistence as God**

**Before the Beginning of Time:**  
**Jesus' Eternal Preexistence and Fellowship with the Father**  
**MK 1:1; JN 1:1-1**

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<sup>M</sup>The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ.

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God the Word was already in existence, and the Word was in intimate personal fellowship with God (the Father), and the Word was God (fully Divine). <sup>2</sup> He always continued in intimate personal fellowship with God (the Father) in the beginning.

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NOTE: We use superscript identification of the source gospel in "blended texts" as follows: Matthew = <sup>MT</sup>, Mark = <sup>M</sup>, Luke = <sup>L</sup>, John = <sup>J</sup>, Acts = <sup>A</sup>. This "superscript ID" is inserted at the beginning of the quoted text, identifying that Bible book until a different superscript appears. In addition, *red italics identify the words of Jesus*. Old Testament quotations are CAPITALIZED.

	CONTEXT DIGEST
Location	Before the Beginning of Space and Time
Time	Eternity Past
Stage of Jesus' Life	Stage I: Jesus' Eternal Pre-Existence As God
Chapter I	The Eternal Preexistence of Jesus
Section #001	Jesus' Eternal Fellowship With the Father as "The Word"

Today's reading begins the Scriptural account of Jesus' life with Mark's title for the gospel, and John's prologue. In order to understand the saga of Jesus as it unfolds, we must begin with the revelation that he has always been alive as the co-equal, co-existent, Second Person of the Trinity. Jesus shares in the uncreated, eternal nature of the Trinity along with the Father, and Holy Spirit. Therefore, God "the Word" has always been alive, from before the beginning of everything else.

John's brief introduction--probably the most profound two short sentences ever written-- emphasized the loving fellowship that characterized the relationship of the Father and Son in eternity past, by twice repeating the phrase: "*He was in intimate personal fellowship with God.*"

These words are perfectly consistent with Jesus' own description of his eternal pre-existence with the Father: ***"You loved me before the creation of the world."*** No doubt John had heard Jesus talk about the quality of love that he shared with his Father in eternity past, and wrote about it here.

The repeated prepositional phrase *"with God"* is rich in meaning. It is built on the root meaning of *"face."* Jesus was looking his Father in the face. Used like this, it gives us the sense of *"face to face"* intimacy between the Father and the Word. This harks back to the Old Testament description of Moses being *"face to face"* with God (Ex. 33.11). Jesus was in much more intimate, loving fellowship with his Father than Moses, for they shared the same eternal Divine nature, and were perfectly unified in love.

These mind-stretching truths are essential for understanding everything else about Jesus' life, and indeed, everything in creation. The GOOD NEWS is that God is a Trinitarian Being who dwells in love, created all things in love and for love, and He has REVEALED Himself to us as the living WORD of the gospel-- Jesus.

This then, is the beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ--the greatest and highest conceptions ever to bless the mind and heart of the human race.

#### APPLICATION:

Intimate, face to face fellowship is what characterizes the Trinity, for God is love. What a glorious beginning for our understanding of the nature of reality!

The author of the gospel of John wrote in his first letter: *"What we have permanently seen and heard we proclaim to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Truly, our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our collective joy may be made permanently full and complete."* 1 JN 1.3-4

This was not just John's purpose in writing his gospel and letters. It was primarily God's purpose--to extend the eternal fellowship of the Trinity to a vast family of sons and daughters conformed to the image of his Son; the same fellowship that always was, before the beginning of everything else.

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