

**Donelson Men – Table Talk**  
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Isa 55:8-11 *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*

Hebrews 1:1-4 *In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers in the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us in a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has obtained is more excellent than theirs.*

1 John 1:1-3 *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us – that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.*

John 1:1-18 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ... The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. ... And from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; God the only begotten, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has revealed him.*

Hebrews 4:12-13 *The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts*

*and intentions of the heart. Before him no creature is hidden, but all are open and laid bare to the eyes of him with whom we have to do.*

*Revelation 19:11-13 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems; and he has a name inscribed which no one knows but himself. He is clad in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.*

1. The Eternal - God. What comes to mind when you speak of, or think of God? What does it mean to say: "God is spirit"? Oddly enough, for the Christian, God involves Jesus.
2. To open the Gospel According to John we must step to the brink of blasphemy. Jesus did not begin in Mary's womb. He always was! He always is!!!
3. In Jesus the Eternal replicates itself (his-self) Godself in time - in Roman time - in Jewish time.
4. The phrase καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος (*and the Word was God*) actually is (if translated word/for/word) is "God was the Word." Can we mean that???
5. Scriptures teach that all that exists was created by God. Now we are told that Jesus is the creator.
  - a. To explain this the church fathers of the fourth century gave us the concept of Trinity.
  - b. But did any first century believer have any idea of trinity? Maybe Matthew 28:19???
6. Then there is John 1:14
7. Then there is John 1:18, and 6:46, 14:9

For two thousand years, he has dominated the human story, shaped the nature of ethics, defined morality, and survived the constant attack of new skeptics who attempt to write his obituary. Each successive human generation gives rise to a fresh number who believe Christ to be no longer relevant. They pass, and he continues.

Millions have believed and professed that on the middle cross, hung, crucified, the Creator of the universe - of all that exists. Jesus of Nazareth was God on a cross. The cross is not an event that happened to Jesus; it is God revealing his very nature and being to humankind.