DECEMBER 2/3, 2017 | CHRISTMAS SERIES | BRAD BRINSON

THE OTHER SIDE OF CHRISTMAS: Christmas From God's Perspective John 1:1-5

John the Apostle lived in the largest Greek-speaking, Greek-thinking city in Asia Minor, called

First Century Hebrew & Greek Thinking: A Primer

Jewish Thinking:

What the Jews understood about '_____'

- Common people in Israel spoke ______
- _____ was the language of rabbis and bible students.
- Tanakh paraphrased versions of the Old Testament, translated into
- 1st century translators of the Hebrew Old Testament were uncomfortable with anthropomorphisms.

'The Word of God' - God relating to humankind _____ in a human-like way.

Greek Thinkina:

- 'The Word' became a descriptor of a great presence of logic that over the universe.
- 'O logos' was essentially the of God, in control of the world, speaking to the minds of all people.

| "In the | was the Word ('o | logos'). And the word was | God and |
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| the Word | _ God." John 1:1 - Genes | sis 1:1; 2 Cor. 8:9; Phil. 2:6-7; Genes | sis 1:26 |
| Three big them | es: | | |
| 1. | 2. | 3. | |

"He was with God in the beginning. ______ Him all things were made; without

Him nothing was made that has been made." John 1:2-3

Colossians 1:16-17. Hebrews 1:2-3: Revelation 4:11: 1 Corinthians 8:6

"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The ______ shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:4-5

He is the . He is in relationship with God. He has come to

give us ______ to live by. That light guides us to eternal ______

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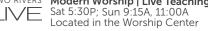
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IMPACT

Run For Their Lives: This Freedom 424 race series, exists to bring freedom & justice by raising awareness of sexual exploitation & human trafficking and providing financial support to partner organizations that work directly with those impacted by this form of modern day slavery. Sign up to walk or run at UT Gardens on January 27 at **2RC.tv/R4TL**. Fundraise a minimum of \$50 and run/walk for free!

STUDENTS

Fuel Christmas Party: This is *Not Your Grandma's Christmas Party*! High schoolers, come on **December 6 at 6:30P** dressed as the 90-year old version of yourself as we celebrate Christmas! We'll see you in the Student Center!

MSM Christmas Party: Middle schoolers, on **December 6 at 6:30P**, put on your Christmas pajamas and join us for a night of food, fun & all the joy of Christmas morning! Bring your Christmas morning excitement to the River Splash Theater & we'll see you there!

WORSHIP

Worship Arts Auditions: Are you a vocalist, instrumentalist or interested in volunteering with the tech team? Auditions will be held on January 14. Sign up to audition at **2RC.tv/Auditions** or contact **Diana.Utter@2RC.tv** for more information. Sign ups end December 10!

PRAYER REQUESTS

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MID-WEEK TIMES

MSM (6-8 Grade) Wednesday 6:30-8:30P River Splash | 2RC.tv/MSM

FUEL (9-12 Grade) Wednesday 6:30-8:30P Student Center | 2RC.tv/FUEL

The Well (Prayer & Worship) Wednesdays 6:30-8:30P River Room | 2RC.tv/WELL

1829 (18-29 years old) 1st Thursday 7:00-8:30P The Shed | 2RC.tv/1829



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Putting The Bible Into Practice:

How would you describe Jesus to someone unfamiliar with Him? What errors in thinking does John 1:1-5 correct? Compare John 1:1-2 & 17:5; 1:4 & 5:26; 1:4 & 8:12; 1:5 & 3:19; 1:5 & 12:35. What do you observe? What core truths emerge from these passages?

Describe some ways Jesus has 'lit up' your life? Where in your life do you need Jesus' 'light' to overcome darkness? What do you observe in Colossians 1:16-17 & Hebrews 1:2-3?

What impact does Jesus being creator of all things have on your faith? What does it mean that Jesus upholds or sustains the universe? Does your life feel more held together when you are walking with Jesus & obeying Him, or when you are drifting on your own? Describe.

Challenge:

Walk in Jesus' light. Draw life from Him. Join Him in overcoming the darkness around you!

