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- **“In the beginning was the _____”—John 1:1**
 - Wilhelm von Humboldt: "Language is the formative organ of thought. Intellectual activity, entirely mental, entirely internal, and to some extent passing without trace, becomes through sound, externalized in speech and perceptible to the senses. Thought and language are therefore one and inseparable from each other." (<http://www.duke.edu/~pk10/language/ca.htm>)
 - Greek: *logos* (fr whence come “logo” and “logic” and all the “-ologies”)
 - I John 1:1
 - Revelation 19:11-16

- **“... and the Word was _____”— John 1:1**
 - New Testament evidences for the deity of Christ:
 - The _____ He lived (Heb. 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22)
 - The _____ He spoke (John 7:46; 14:10; cf. Matt. 7:29)
 - The _____ He performed (John 5:20; 14:11)
 - The _____ He fulfilled (Luke 24:26, 27, 44; John 5:39; Dan. 9:24-27/Luke 3:1, Matt. 27:51)
 - The _____ He previously inhabited (John 1:1, 2; Col. 1:15-17; Heb. 1:1-4)
 - C. S. Lewis’ apologetic for the divinity of Christ (*Mere Christianity* 54-56):
 - God gave us _____, “the sense of right and wrong.”
 - God chose a particular _____, “and spent several centuries hammering into their heads the sort of God he was.”
 - Among these Jews a _____ shows up, “who goes about talking as if He was God.”
 - He says he has always existed and claims to _____ sins. “This makes sense only if he really was the God whose laws are broken and whose love is wounded in every sin.” (55)
 - “I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: ‘I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.’ That is one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.” (55, 56)
 - *Desire of Ages*: “From the days of eternity the Lord Jesus Christ was one with the Father; He was ‘the image of God,’ the image of His greatness and majesty, ‘the outshining of His glory.’ . . . By coming to dwell with us, Jesus was to reveal God both to men and to angels. He was the Word of God—*God’s thought made audible.*” (19 emphasis supplied)
 - *If Christ is divine, it means that:*
 - I must _____ Him.
 - I must _____ in Him.
 - I must _____ Him.
 - I must _____ Him.
 - I must _____ Him.
 - I must _____ Him.
 - I must _____ Him.

*“God’s first Word
is His last Word
and His best Word”*

Word, God, life, words, miracles, prophecies, eternity, conscience, people, Man, forgive, seek, believe, trust, worship, love, obey, follow