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Signs

The Word

John 1:1-14

The Assignment

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The Path To Life

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Signs*The Intro*

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Signs*The Claims*

⇒ _____ . . . Is _____ ?
John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. (John 1:3)

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. (John 1:14)

Then comes the real shock. Among these Jews there suddenly turns up a man who goes about talking as if He was God. He claims to forgive sins. He says He has always existed. He says He is coming to judge the world at the end of time. Now let us get this clear. Among Pantheists, like the Indians, anyone might say that he was a part of God, or one with God: there would be nothing very odd about it. But this man, since He was a Jew, could not mean that kind of God. God, in their language, meant the Being outside the world who had made it and was infinitely different from anything else. And when you have grasped that, you will see that what this man said was, quite simply, the most shocking thing that has ever been uttered by human lips.
(C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*)

Jesus' audacious claims about himself pose what may be the central problem of all history, the dividing point between Christianity and other religions. Although Muslims and, increasingly, Jews respect Jesus as a great teacher and prophet, no Muslim can imagine Mohammed claiming to be Allah any more than a Jew can imagine Moses claiming to be Yahweh. Likewise, Hindus believe in many incarnations but not one Incarnation, while Buddhists have no categories in which to conceive of a sovereign God becoming a human being. (Philip Yancey, *The Jesus I Never Knew*)

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)