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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life; and the Life was the Light of men. And the Light shines in darkness; and the darkness did not comprehended it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, so that all men through Him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the True Light, which (or who) enlightens every man that comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came unto His own, (His own people: the children of Israel), and His own received Him not. But as many as do received Him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God, even to those who believe on His Name." (John 1:1-11)

He Was: from the Greek word <u>en</u> (masculine 3rd-person) which means: he-<u>was</u>; or <u>He, Jesus</u>, <u>Was</u> literally <u>existing</u> as a physical human being within the world of mankind on earth, in the land of His people, Israel. This speaks of His First Coming into the world as God the Father's 'Savior of the World' from sin and it's consequence: from everlasting punishment - separation from the Father!

In the World: from the Greek words <u>en to kosmo</u> which mean: <u>in the world</u>; in context: Jesus came down to earth and lived within the world of mankind: within their society, and undertakings, and lives. Jesus, becoming God incarnate, became one of us in every sense, except without sin!

And the World: from the Greek words <u>kai ho kosmos</u> which mean: <u>and the world</u>; speaking of the people of the world at that time, and especially His own people the nation of Israel; as it says:

"And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, 'Lord, You are God, who has made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is; and by the mouth of Your servant David has said, 'Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord (God the Father), and against His Christ (against His Anointed-One – Jesus),' (from Psalm 2:1-2). For of a truth against Your Holy Child Jesus, whom You have Anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, to do whatsoever Your hand and Your counsel determined beforehand to be done." (Acts 4:24-28 after Peter, John, and other disciples were arrested, but then released)

Did Not Know Him: from the Greek words <u>auton ouk egno</u> which mean: <u>did-not know Him;</u> or to come to know, recognize, or perceive that Jesus <u>was truly</u> the Christ-Messiah! Why? Because, as it said in our opening verses, the world of mankind was living in darkness! And those living in darkness cannot comprehend what the Light reveals!

The darkness was founded, in part, on the ignorance of God's Word, and misinterpretation of His word! please consider the following:

"The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified <u>His Son Jesus</u>; whom you delivered up, and denied Him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; <u>and killed the Author of Life</u>, whom God has raised from the dead; of which we are witnesses. And His Name, through <u>faith in His Name</u> has made this man strong, whom you see and know; yes, the faith which is through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. And now, brethren, <u>I knew that through ignorance</u> (ignorance of God's Word!) you did it, as did also your rulers. But those things, which God beforehand had showed <u>through the mouth of all His prophets</u>, that Christ should suffer, <u>He has so fulfilled</u>." (Acts 3:13-18)

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The darkness in peoples lives was founded, in part, on the degree of sin and iniquity within people; it is as it says:

"Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But **your iniquities have separated between you and your God**, and <u>your sins have hid His face from you</u>, so that <u>He will not hear</u>. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue has muttered perverseness. No one calls for justice, <u>nor do any plead for truth</u>. They trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity." (<u>Isaiah 59:1-4</u>)

The people did not recognize Jesus as the 'The Christ-Messiah' because their expectations were wrong. They were looking for a political Savior, and were not expecting a humble Savior coming to save them from their iniquities! It is as it says:

"Who has believed our report? And to whom is the Arm of the LORD (speaking of Jesus the Christ-Messiah) revealed? For He shall grow up before Him (the Father) as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground. He has no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected of men; a Man of Sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. We all like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth. He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth." (Isaiah 53:1-7)

The enemies of Christ Jesus, in their ignorance, demanded from Jesus to tell them who He was, especially if He was the Christ-Messiah; but not so as to believe in Him, but to do Him harm:

"And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the Temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews (Jewish leaders) around about Him, and said unto Him, 'How long do You make us to doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered them, 'I told you, and you did not believed. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. (the miraculous works prove that Jesus is the Christ) But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep. (i.e. they are still living in darkness) As I said unto you. 'My sheep hear My voice (His word that enlightens their understanding), and I know them, and they follow Me!' And I give unto them Eternal Life; and they shall never perish, nor shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father, who gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are One.' Then the Jews (the unbelieving leaders) took up stones again to stone Him." (John 10:22-31)

Jesus had previously already condemned these religious leaders for their unbelief and rejection of Him as follows:

"Jesus said unto them, 'If God were your Father, <u>you would love Me</u>; for I proceeded forth and came <u>from God</u>; nor did I come of Myself, but <u>He sent Me</u>. Why do you not understand My speech? It is because you cannot hear My word (with understanding). <u>You are of your father the devil</u>, and the desires of your father you will do; he was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, <u>because there is no truth in him</u>. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own-self; for he is a liar, and the father of it. <u>And because I tell you the truth, you do not believe Me</u>. Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears God's words; therefore, you hear them not, <u>because you</u> are not of God!" (John 8:42-47)

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Jesus, Himself, asked His disciples, "Who does the world say that I am?" Their answers revealed that the people were not perceiving who Jesus really and truly was:

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Whom do men say that <u>I the Son of Man</u> am?' And they said, 'Some say that You are John the Baptist; some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.' He said unto them, 'But who do you say that I am?' And Simon Peter answered and said, '<u>You are the Christ</u>, <u>the Son of the living God</u>.' And Jesus answered and said unto him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-jona, for flesh and blood has not revealed it unto you, but <u>My Father</u> who is in heaven." (<u>Matthew 16:13-17</u>)

Please also consider the following:

"By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God; and every spirit who does not confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God; and this is that of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming; and even now already is it in the world. You are of God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you, than he who is in the world. They are of the world; therefore they speak of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God; and he who knows God hears us; and he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the Spirit of Truth, and the spirit of error. Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one who loves is born of God, and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because God sent His Only begotten Son (Jesus) into the world, so that we might live through Him. And again: herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the Propitiation for our sins." (1 John 4:2-13)

"For those who are after the flesh (in darkness) do mind the things of the flesh; but those who are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded <code>is death</code>; but to be spiritually minded <code>is life and peace</code>; because the carnal mind is at enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can it be. So then those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, <code>if so be that the Spirit of God dwells in you</code>. Now if any man does not have the Spirit of Christ, <code>he is not one of His</code>. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him (the Father) who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised up Christ from the dead shall also make-alive your mortal bodies by His Spirit who dwells in you. ... For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of <code>God</code>. For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the <code>Spirit of Adoption</code>, whereby we cry, <code>Abba, Father</code>. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit, that <code>we are the children of God!"</code> (Romans 8:5-16)

Jesus Was In the World and the World did not Know Him

Why? Because the world of mankind lives in Darkness and Death!
Therefore, the world cannot comprehended, or know the Life that is the Light of men!
They cannot received the Way and the Truth and the Life that is In Christ Jesus!

But Jesus is the True Light, who enlightens every person who does receive Him!!

And for those who do receive Him – there is Life and Peace!

Abba, Father thank you for <u>loving us</u> so very much !! Thank you for sending Jesus the Prince of Life to die <u>for us</u>! Thank You for adopting us into Your Eternal Family!

Lord Jesus You are <u>our</u> Life! You are <u>our</u> Light! Your are <u>our</u> Peace! You are <u>our</u> Hope! Come soon Lord Jesus !!

Amen & Amen !!