

Deacon's Beacons

October 10.2023

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 nothing came to be. John 1:1–3

Christ is pre-existent. Christ has always existed. Jesus came into history at a specific time. But He always was and always will be. This Prologue from the Gospel of John sets out some of the most definitive teachings of the Trinity – that God is One and God is multiple Persons. The word person here is misleading in that it is the English translation of the Greek word *Prosapon*. That can mean person but there are other nuances of its meaning that may hold deeper revelation. Another translation could be “Mask.” That is not to say that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are only masks that God wears at different times. But “person” implies a separate being which is also not true. The Trinity is a Divine Mystery and all we can do is grasp at smoke as we try to understand. It is something that is revealed and to be accepted.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

Deacon Mike