

**The Author and Finisher Part one**  
**In The Beginning**

There's a beautiful old Gospel song called,

- “When He Was on The Cross (I was on His mind)” (SLIDE)
- That's an awesome thought... That with all of His suffering, nailed to a cross, breathing His last breath, He would be thinking about you and me!!!
- Can we just take a minute to give Jesus some praise!!!!
  - Prayer

We are entering into our Easter series today

- “The Author and Finisher” (SLIDE)
- Coming from:

**Hebrews 12:1**

“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,”

**Hebrews 12:2**

“looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

In this series, we're going to definitely be looking at Jesus, looking at the cross, looking to His Resurrection, and His ascension into Heaven

- But I want you to realize that you were on His mind long before that day on The Cross!!

Jesus Himself said:

**Revelation 1:8**

““I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.””

- He was the first
- He will be the last
- He was the beginning

- He will be the end
  - He is here with you now!!
  - He has always been here!!
  - And He's coming back soon!!!
- SOMEBODY BETTER PRAISE HIM!!!!**

Today, I want to focus on the Jesus that was....

**John 1:1-3**

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

2 “He was in the beginning with God.”

3 “All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”

Often when we think of Jesus, we think **(Slide)**

- The Son of God
- Our Healer
- Our Redeemer
- Our Savior!!
- And He is all of that!!!
- There is no other name by which a man can be saved...

Jesus is all of that...And MORE!!! **(SLIDE)**

**He is The Word:**

Greek: Logos **(SLIDE)**

Strong's definition for this usage:

In John, denotes the essential Word of God, Jesus Christ, the personal wisdom and power in union with God, his minister in creation and government of the universe, the cause of all the world's life both physical and ethical, which for the procurement of man's salvation put on human nature in the person of Jesus the Messiah, the second person in the Godhead, and shone forth conspicuously from His words and deeds.

**We don't tend to think much about Jesus in terms of Creator...**

- **That's God the Father...**

**But understand... Before Jesus was born in flesh on this Earth as The Son...**

- **He has always been here as The Word....**
- **He was there in the beginning...**
- **With God**
- **Because He is God**
- **An equal member of the Godhead**

**So today, I want to leave you with this thought...**

- **Yes, when He was on The Cross, we were on His mind...**
- **But we were on His mind long before that...**
- **He was thinking about us in Creation...**
- **He was thinking about us when this earth was designed**
- **He put those stars in the sky and designed the beauty of the sunset**
- **He made us who we are**

**In the beginning was The Word, The Word was with God, and The Word is God...**

**He who is, and was, and is to come!!**

**Closing**