

Jesus – God in the Flesh

John 1:14-18

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about Him, and cried out, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because He was before me.’”)

For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known.

Who is this baby
in the manger?

His identity

1. 100% God

... glory as of the only Son from the Father
(14)

John bore witness about Him and cried out, “This was He of whom I said, “He who comes after me ranks before me because He was before me. (15)

Physically – “after me”
(born 6 mos. later)

Deity – “before me”
No one has ever seen God.

God is a spirit – Jn. 4:24

God is invisible – 1Tim. 1:17

... the only God, who is at the Father's side...

“in His bosom” (KJV)

Lit – “into”

“Close to the Father's heart” – (NRSV) (NLT)

He has made Him known (18)

“Declared” Him

“Explained” Him (NASB)

- translate, interpret, revealed, manifested,
to draw out.

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

Col. 1:19

2. 100% Man

The Word became flesh

(14a)

For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh.

2 Jn. 7

... “and dwelt among us.”

- to tabernacle; to pitch
a tent; to stay awhile.

... seen with our eyes... touched with our hands.

1 Jn. 1:1

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law. Gal. 4:4

“Once he set his mind to the good, he never wavered, never stopped. He crossed the great human divide that separates knowing the right thing from doing the right thing. There is always a difference between saying you will do something and actually doing it.”

3. 100% Grace

Full of grace (14b)

- . Unmerited favor
- . Lovingkindness
- . Undeserved gift
- . Forgiveness
- . Unearned blessing and provision

God' riches at
Christ's Expense

4.100% Truth

... fullness of ... truth.
(14b)

Truth?

Hillary's emails?

Trump's connection with Russia?

Hillary's illegal "Clinton Foundation?"

Trump's alleged hatred of non-whites?

Truth?

- . According to the Media?
- . According to the Internet?
- . According to Politicians?
- . According to Facebook?

- . According to secular education?
- . According to secular science?

... truth came through Jesus Christ
(17b)

I am the way, the truth
and the life.
Jn. 14:6

Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God, truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Matt. 22:16

Salvation – coming to the knowledge of truth.
1 Tim. 2:4

Repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth.
2 Tim. 2:5

You will know the truth and the truth will set you free
John 8:32

His Ministry

1. His fullness for us.

And from His fullness we have all received. (16)

... to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Eph. 3:19

Fullness
. Completeness
. All His resources

- . Superabundance
- . Fully engaged, connected

... which is His body,
the fullness of Him who
fills all in all.

Eph. 1:23

- Received
 - . Every Christ-follower
 - . By faith accept as true
 - . By personally trusting in Him

2. His Grace for us

Grace upon Grace
(16)

- Never Diminished
- Never depleted
- Never insufficient
- Never ending supply

According to the riches of His grace. Eph. 1:7

So that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of
His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Eph. 2:7

3. His truth for us.

Truth came through Jesus Christ (17)

... the truth is in Jesus.

Eph. 4:21

“God will never reveal more truth about Himself to you until you have obeyed what you know already.”

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