

God Became a Man John 1: 14-18

- Many say: Jesus was just a man, but looking at the facts we know this is untrue
- Jesus was a man, but He was the God-man, who died & rose again & ascended
- Jesus is man & fully God is the massive message that glues the Bible together
- The incarnation of the Son of God is the very heart of the Gospel (1 Tim 3:16)
- Our Christian testimony stands or fall on the incarnation (1John 4: 2)

I. God Became a Man (14a, b)

- 14 a. 'The Word became flesh': not just the body, but encompassing all of human nature. Christ took human nature both body and soul
- 14b. 'He dwelt among us': God identifying with His people in the most personal way possible (John 3: 16) Immanuel- God with us

II. We Have Seen His Glory (14 c, d)

- Glory means brightness /radiance. It speaks of the majesty & dignity of God
- Jesus glory was self evidencing glory, which John says, 'we' (witnesses) saw
- John the other witness saw this glory with their eyes & minds in two ways:
- 14c Jesus is the only begotten of the Father: 'glory as of the only Son from the Father'. Jesus glory was inseparable & uniquely connected with His Sonship
- The disciples saw the progressive unfolding of Jesus prophetic self-revelation
- Simply stated: Jesus is the only one of a kind who reveals the glory of God
- Because Jesus is of [from] the Father, He is the bread of life, promised Messiah
- 14d. Full of grace and truth: Jesus is the absolute truth about God in the flesh
- Like the Father, the Son was abounding in goodness & truth
- Grace and truth' even the 'and' teaches grace & truth are two sides of one coin
- There is no grace without truth and no truth without grace, this is who Jesus was

III. We have all received of His Fullness (15-18)

- Vs 15. Christ is Superior to John: He was with God from eternity & is very God
- Vs 16. Christ gives grace to Believers: all the fullness of deity dwells in Jesus
- Every Spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms belongs to us in Jesus
- Vs 17. Christ is superior to Moses: Law was good in that it brought us to Jesus
- Vs 18. Christ Makes God Known: without being first at the Father's side Jesus could not have the mediator and redeemer of God's elect. (Col 2:9-10)
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