

Jesus – The Word
John 1:1; 14; 2:23; 3:18
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I. THE WORD BECAME FLESH (v. 14)

- A. The Infinite became finite – Jesus voluntarily “limited” Himself
- B. The Eternal was conformed to time – Jesus could only be in one place at one time
- C. The Invisible became visible – Jesus could be seen in the flesh
- D. The Supernatural One reduced Himself to the natural – Jesus took on the form of man

Jesus did not cease to be God but became God in human flesh

II. DWELT AMONG US (v. 14)
(to pitch a tabernacle or live in a tent)

- A. The Old Testament tabernacle where God met with Israel before the temple was constructed (Exodus 25:8)
- B. Tent of meeting – Exodus 33:7 – seeking The Lord for a divine decision
- C. Where “the Lord used to speak to Moses face-to-face, just as a man speaks to his friends – Exodus 33:11
- D. In the New Testament – God chose to dwell among His people in a far more personal way through becoming a man
- E. God chose, through Jesus, to dwell among us
- F. His glorious presence is with us – (Colossians 2:9 – “For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, 10 and in Him you have been made complete,”))

III. WE SAW HIS GLORY (v. 14)

A. Glimpses exist of His glory in the gospels of His divine majesty

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B. Disciples saw glimpses of His glory on the Mount of Transfiguration
(Matthew 17:1-8)

C. Christ's glory was not only visible, but also spiritual

D. Disciples saw Jesus display the attributes or characteristics of God (grace, goodness, mercy, wisdom, truth, etc.)

IV. GLORY AS OF... THE FATHER (v. 14)

A. Jesus as God displayed the same essential glory as The Father

B. They are one in essential nature

C. Jesus never attempted to "outshine" The Father

D. Jesus was always glorifying The Father

V. ONLY BEGOTTEN (v. 14)

A. The same term is used of Isaac (Hebrews 11:17)

B. He was not only the physical son of Abraham, but was the unique son of promise

C. Jesus is the unique Son of God – He is the only Son Who is fully God

D. The word "begotten" is from the Greek word "monogenos" which is "mono," meaning one, and "genos," meaning kind, so, Jesus is the "one of a kind" Son of God

VI. FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH (v. 14)

- A. When God revealed Himself to Moses (Exodus 34:6) – He declared Himself to be “merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth”
- B. Overwhelmingly gracious
- C. Very slow to anger
- D. Loyal love

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- E. Constancy
- F. God loves us just the way we are, but He loves us too much to leave us the way we are

VII. PRODUCE PERMANENT FRUIT (v. 14)

(Jesus initiated the relationship with His disciples and He does the same thing with us.)

- A. Jesus desires for us to PRODUCE PERMANENT FRUIT (Galatians 5:22-23)
- B. Prayer
- C. Godly attitudes
- D. Righteous conduct, character, conversation
- E. Praise
- F. Leading others to Christ

Jesus, The Word, became flesh, so that those of us who would believe in Him, would not just be able to go to heaven, but He desires us to make a difference on earth.

What kind of difference are you making?

“Therefore many signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31- but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”

John 20:30-31 (NAS)

JESUS - THE WORD, became flesh – so that you and I can:

FOLLOW HIS PLAN - FULFILL HIS PURPOSE - FUNCTION IN HIS POWER

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

John 1:1 (NAS)