



The Word Became Flesh

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Main Passage: John 1:14-15

1. Christ Came Down - Incarnation

- For the English term 'word', John uses the Greek 'logos', understood by them to be the fundamental basis and principle for all existence. The Hebrew for the same word is 'devarim,' which is God speaking authoritatively to His people. John artfully illustrates that the revelation of God through His word is a more complete expression of God in the person of Jesus Christ.
 - Incarnation – Jesus came down from heaven and took on the likeness of man. God would have been just to leave mankind in brokenness, but out of love He came down to restore mankind. The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us and offers us salvation and reconciliation – this is radical to consider!
- A) Describe in your own words the significance of John speaking to both Greek and Hebrew audiences by using the word 'logos?' _____

- B) Consider the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. Why is it so profound? _____

2. The Ultimate Tabernacle

- The term 'dwell' is the Greek word for tabernacle. The tabernacle in the OT was a tent of meeting between God and God's people. The tabernacle was a place of offerings, atonement, guidance, grace - and the presence of the Glory of God (Ex 40). OT obedience promoted God's glory when Israel followed His law. The church is God's permanent temple where we are in the presence of God and His people. The Greek word 'eskenosen' (dwelt) is the exact same word as Hebrew 'shekinah'. The shekinah glory of the OT tabernacle is the same glory that dwelt among the NT disciples in the person of Jesus Christ. The tabernacle of God is a perpetual dwelling place in heaven in the presence of God in the person of Jesus Christ (Rev 21:1-4).
 - Shekinah (OT) – tabernacle – Exodus 40
 - Eskenosen (NT) – tabernacle – John 1:14
- Why is it important to understand the connection between the OT tabernacle and Jesus Christ dwelling (tabernacle-ing) with us?

- What is your appetite for the glory of God in comparison to your own glory? _____

3. The Greatest Show of Glory

- We have beheld the glory of God in the Person of Jesus Christ, and it is a privilege and joy to be changed and confronted by this glory. When you are in the presence of Jesus Christ, that is a glory to *behold* – in His word and in the community of His people. The disciples had a front row seat, but we have a greater understanding because we have the complete story in His Word (John 20:29). Christ’s glory is designed to dominate every aspect of our lives.
- What is the difference between seeing versus beholding Jesus Christ? _____

- How does the glory of Jesus dominate your life? What are some limiters? _____

4. Grace and Truth Mission

- The fulness of grace and truth is in Jesus Christ. This idea impacts all aspects of our ministry. The glory of God that was revealed in Jesus Christ was compassion and generosity, a free gift of salvation. All we have to do is muster the humility to receive the free gifts of repentance and belief.
 - Grace – the combination of God’s love and power to change your eternal status
 - Truth – God’s Word
- In your own life, evaluate whether you lean more towards grace or truth? Why? _____

- Jesus came in grace and truth. Where do you need to grow in humility? _____

5. You’re the Witness (v15)

- If you are born again, then you are a witness. Jesus Christ is the ultimate Tabernacle. If a Jew was to be reconciled, to walk with God, he would have to go to the tabernacle. To remove the guilt of our choices, we must go to Jesus Christ.
- How do you communicate Christ in your life with your words and deeds? _____

- Evangelism means to be a witness for Jesus Christ. Who in your life does not know Jesus Christ? What steps can you take to be a witness to them? _____
