

The Word Became Flesh

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John 1:1-18

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 came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind. ⁵ And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it. ⁶ A man came, one sent from God, and his name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light. ⁹ This was the true Light that, coming into the world, enlightens every person. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, and yet the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own people did not accept Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ John *testified about Him and called out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who is coming after me has proved to be my superior, because He existed before me.’” ¹⁶ For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time; God the only Son, who is in the arms of the Father, He has explained Him.

John’s prologue shows us the Christmas story from a zoomed out view

John 1:14

The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us;

This event is called the Incarnation, where the one who has always existed, the agent through whom all things were made and by whom the world is still held together, became flesh and dwelt among us!

“For that which He has not assumed He has not healed; but that which is united to His Godhead is also saved. — *Gregory of Nazianzus*

“One and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the characteristics of each nature being preserved and coming together to form one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son and Only-begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ;” - *Council of Chalcedon*

This Christmas May we ponder the Incarnation; God becoming flesh and dwelling among us

This Christmas spend time thinking about the greatest moment in human history of God becoming Man

“The stable once had something inside it that was bigger than our whole world.” - C.S. Lewis

Luke 2:16-20

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

This Christmas may we remember WHY God became flesh: To Dwell with us eternally.

John 14:3

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

Revelation 21:3

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

God united Himself to humanity, so we could be united to Him, and be brought near

Ephesians 2:1-14

Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ² You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. ³ All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else. ⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) ⁶ For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. ⁷ So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. ⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about

it. ¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. ¹¹ Don't forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders. ... You lived in this world without God and without hope. ¹³ But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

Many other religions are Mans attempt to ascend to God the good news is God came down to bring us to Him

1 Timothy 2:5

For, There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus.

John 1:18

No one has seen God at any time; God the only Son, who is in the arms (κόλπος) of the Father, He has explained Him.

κόλπος- in the arms, bosom

John 13:23

There was reclining one of His disciples whom Jesus loved in the bosom (κόλπος) of Jesus.

It is more essential here to note that the beloved disciple also serves an idealized literary function. As Jesus resided in the Father's bosom (1:18), so the beloved disciple rested in Jesus' bosom (13:23); yet, by implication, the same is true of believers (cf. 14:23; Luke 16:22). So also believers, like the "beloved" disciple (13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:20), were special objects of Jesus' affection (14:21; 15:9, 12; cf. 3:16; 11:5, 36), including in the immediate context (13:1, 34). Other disciples such as Martha, Mary, and Lazarus also receive the same title of affection (11:5); rather than meaning "favourite" to the exclusion of others, it may be the voice of one marvelling that he is the object of such love (cf. Gal 2:20; 1 Tim 1:12–16; 1 John 4:10–11). - *Craig S. Keener, The Gospel of John: A Commentary*

John 1:11

He came to His own, and His own people did not accept Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, but of God.

*Joy to the world; the Lord is come;
Let Earth receive her King;
Let every Heart prepare him room,
And Heaven and nature sing.*