“The Word Became Flesh”

Intro: In all of ___________ there is not another verse that states the fact of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ more ___________ nor concisely then is found in the 14th verse of John 1.

A. The Nelson’s Bible Dictionary defines “__________” as: “a theological term for the coming of God’s Son into the world as a ___________ being.”

B. How important is the truth of the ___________ to the Christian faith? 1 John 4:1-3 answers that question, “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that ___________ Christ has come ____ the ___________ is from God; 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; and this is the spirit of the antichrist, ...”

C. The ___________ of the Incarnation is under attack because the adversary (antichrist) knows that this truth is essential to the salvific plan of God. Aside from the Incarnation of the Son of God, there is no ____________.

John 1:14-18

I. The ___________ (Jesus Christ the Son of God) became ___________.

A. The ___________, the intelligent expression of God, He who was with God and was ______, who was in the beginning with God, through whom all things came into being, and apart from Him nothing that has come into being has come into being, in whom was life and who is the light of men, who shown in the darkness, entered His own creation by clothing Himself in and ___________ as His own person the frail garments of ____________!

B. “Became” means that He who had always been ___________ into time and space in a form different from that which He had ever existed before. It is not that He gave up His deity, but that He humbly emptied Himself by (being made in the likeness of men) that He might exist as fully God and fully man.

II. After taking on a human body, the pre-existent ___________ ___________ among the disciples and all the people.

A. Literally translated “dwelt” means “to ________ ____ a ________.” As we consider Paul’s use of the word in 2 Cor 5:1-4 the meaning is clear: the “tent” refers to the ____________.

1. John’s use of the word “tent” here reinforces the truth that ___________ was not a apparition or ghost or phantom, but a ___________ material being who existed in the ____________.

2. Indeed, His name was to be called Emmanuel, which means “_______ _______ ____!”

III. The ___________ of God was ___________ by those among whom He dwelt.
A. “Beheld” means to “__________ attentively, contemplate, and study ____________ with a sense of awe and ____________.

1. In other words, John is not giving us a haphazard testimony, but a considered testimony that was made over the course of three years whereby these men literally lived with and carefully ____________ and observed the man Jesus, and saw that the ____________ of God was ____________ in Him.

B. Those who beheld His glory were convinced that the glory they observed in this man Jesus was the ____________ of the one and only ________ of God, God very ________ Himself.

1. The ____________ they witnessed was of such a nature that it could only be revealed by the very Son of God and thus, ____________ to the fact that the man Jesus was in fact ________ Himself in flesh!

C. The man Jesus was the revelation of God’s ____________ for He was full of ____________ and truth.

1. To be “full” means to be “fully occupied, filled up, ____________ and ____________.” Meaning that divine grace and truth perfectly occupied our Lord’s humanity!

2. Since this is so, that Jesus was full of grace and truth, then the man ____________ ______ ______ for such a thing could not be said of any other human! Truly He is the only begotten unique, one of a kind Son of the True and Living God!

3. Romans 8:1-4a, “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in ____________ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has ________ ________ from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, ...”

Conclusion: The Word, being God very God Himself became flesh. At the same time He became fully God and fully man for the express purpose that He might ____________ God to us. Thus, He has removed the veil between God and man and has in His humanity intelligently and clearly explained _______ to us. Christ Jesus, the incarnate visible God, became flesh to reveal and explain the eternal invisible God to us. Believing this truth of the Incarnation is essential to salvation. And now, knowing this truth, _____ are ______________ excuse!

Dear ones, in the love of God please hear and know that the Bible declares that to be of God, you must believe that Jesus came in the flesh and existed as fully God and fully man in one person, Jesus Christ. ______________ on the Lord Jesus Christ (believing the truth of His incarnation), and you will ____ ______________!

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