

“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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