

The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us

John 1:1-18

Merry Christmas! What a glorious morning to be the people of God. This morning we begin a wonderful journey with the Savior through the eyes of the *beloved disciple*. John opens his gospel with one of the richest, fullest declarations of the theological significance of the incarnation in all of Scripture.

- **The Prologue. (1:1a)** Where to start? Beginnings are important to any story or any written work.

John begins before time began! Thus, before we meet Jesus in Jerusalem or in Galilee, we meet Him, “In the beginning ... with God.”

This is not merely an abstract theological statement, but essential information needed to make sense of the actual historical person and work of Jesus described in the rest of the gospel. Themes introduced in the Prologue such as light, life, darkness, witness, faith, glory, and truth are more fully developed throughout the Gospel of John.

- **The Prologue declares the unique Person of Christ. (1b-3)** John begins his Gospel in the same fashion as Moses began the Book of Genesis! John introduces us to the *Word* who existed before the very worlds were formed.
 - ✓ Christ is Eternally Pre-existent. “In the beginning was the Word”
 - ✓ Christ is Eternally in Relationship with God. “... and the Word was with God”
 - ✓ Christ is Eternally Equal to God. “... and the Word was God”
 - ✓ Christ is Eternally Involved in Creation. “All things came into being through Him”
- **The Prologue declares the ultimate purpose of Christ. (4-10)** Since John emphasizes the *Word* as the title for Christ, we must assume that Christ came to reveal the Father to us!

Jesus is the True Light; He came into a dark world, but the “darkness comprehended it not.” One of the characteristics of Christ’s nature that John emphasizes more than any other is light.

(John 3:19-21, John 8:12, & John 9:5) Notice there is always a connection between the *light* and *life*!

- **The Prologue displays the glorious plan of Christ. (14-18)** The incarnation is unveiled in verse 14! The Eternal, Divine Creator of all things “became flesh and dwelt among us!”

“That the Word became flesh and dwelt among us is the startling conclusion of John’s prologue. The cosmic Christ enters our humanity. It is the supreme moment of visitation of the eternal with the temporal, the infinite with the finite, the unconditioned with the conditioned.” RC Sproul

The eternal plan of God was to send His Son into this world, born of a virgin, made in the likeness of man, to redeem lost humanity, to make us the “sons of God.”

How is this possible? John said by “receiving him” and “believing on His name.” **John 1:12-13**

This is God’s plan of salvation, and there is no other!

Have you received Christ?