

The Word Became Flesh

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Open: In what way does Jesus' experience of taking on human flesh astonish you?

Read & Discuss: John 1:14-18

1. What does it mean to you personally that the "Word became flesh and dwelt among us," as verse 14 tells us? How does the fact that God came to us as a human being shape your understanding of God's love for you? How should this truth help us share the Gospel?
2. As a human being, Jesus experienced many of the same things we do. How does it impact you to know this? Are there any difficult experiences you've had that you think Jesus might *not* have had or been able to relate to? If so, read Hebrews 4:14 and as a group brainstorm on similar experiences Jesus might have had that would allow him to relate to your experience?
3. At the end of verse 14, John describes Jesus as "full of grace and truth." How do you see both grace and truth present in Jesus? (*See also John 18:37.*) As Christians, how should our lives be full of this grace and truth?
4. In verse 16 John says we have received "grace upon grace." What might John have had in mind as the first grace? What might be considered grace that is upon grace? As you go through Advent, how might you encourage others to celebrate Christ's coming as "grace upon grace"?
5. John reminds us that the law came through Moses and grace and truth came through Jesus (v 17). **Read Matthew 5:17.** What did Jesus say concerning the law of Moses? In what way did Jesus fulfill the law? What role does the Law have in the life of a New Testament Believer? What are traps Christians can fall into with regard to the Law?
6. What truths does verse 18 tell us about Jesus and the Father? Why can Jesus make God known to man? (*See John 6:46; 14:9-10.*) In what way has Jesus made God known to man?

Apply: Despite the current restrictions on social interaction, how might we creatively share the Gospel of Christ with others this Christmas season?

Pray: Pray for all in Christ's church to grow their appreciation of Christ's coming. Ask God to fill our words with praise for the grace he has brought into our lives through Jesus.

John 1:14–18

^[14] And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ^[15] (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ^[16] For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ^[17] For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ^[18] No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. (ESV)