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God in Flesh
John 1:1-14
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus was born in the flesh and lived a life as a man. However, His birth was not the beginning of His existence. In the first chapter of John it makes clear the fact that Jesus is fully God. And that all things that are in existence came into existence because He created them. Therefore Jesus is unique as both fully God and fully man. The creator came to be part of the creation. The question we are left with is why would God become a man. This week as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God becoming man, we will ask ourselves the question why? Join us this week as we talk about the purpose of Jesus' birth and why He chose to become a man.

The Word
became flesh
and made his
dwelling among
us. We have
seen his glory,
the glory of the
One and Only,
who came from
the Father, full
of grace and
truth.

- John 1:14 -



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John 1:1-14 (NASB)

The Deity of Jesus Christ

1 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 nothing came into being that has come into being. **4** In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. **5** The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

The Witness John

6 There came a man sent from God, whose 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 There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every

man. **10** He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. **11** He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. **12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* 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 man, but of God.

The Word Made Flesh

14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

🕯 EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.

2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.

3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

② EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. What is the Word talked about in verse 1? How do we know?

9. Was Jesus creator of all things even though He was born as a person?

10. Who is the true light that enlightens men?

11. Who are the children of God? Who is offered the chance to become children of God?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

12. Why did Jesus come as a man? (1 John 3:8; Luke 19:10) Could salvation be accomplished another way? Did His coming accomplish anything other than salvation?

13. How does it change the way you relate to Jesus knowing He has lived a life as a man?

14. How does it change our view of life as a believer knowing God desired us to be His children?

15. Did Jesus have to come to earth as a man? Why would He choose to save us this way?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...