

## A Miraculous Incarnation

[Jhn 1:1-5, 9-14 ESV] 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 were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ... 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 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.

### I. Intro

- A. This could be the best theological paragraph concerning the Incarnation of Christ.
- B. Light came into the world
- C. The Word became flesh

### II. Text

- A. Verse 1-2
  - 1. The Word has always been, and was there at the beginning.
  - 2. The Word, IS GOD!
- B. Verse 3: The one who spoke the world into existence is the one who became flesh
- C. Verse 4-5:
  - 1. Life is the LIGHT to men
  - 2. That light shines in the darkness today, through His church
  - 3. Christ brought life and light
- D. Verse 9-11
  - 1. The TRUE light...implication of false lights being out there.
  - 2. The True light gives light to everyone
  - 3. He was promised, and is not fulfilled
- E. Verse 12-13
  - 1. Not everyone is going to embrace the light
  - 2. But those who believe are given the great blessing of being CHILDREN OF GOD!
- F. Verse 14
  - 1. The promise is fulfilled
  - 2. Jesus became flesh, lived among mankind, became the example for us, and the sacrifice for us.
  - 3. But that's not the end of the story! Also resurrection and empowerment in life are the continued blessing for today.

### III. Point

- A. Truth of Christmas:
  - 1. Truth found in this passage:
    - a) Jesus is the WORD
    - b) Jesus was in the Beginning
    - c) Jesus is creator
    - d) Jesus is life
    - e) Jesus is light
    - f) Jesus reaches into darkness
    - g) Jesus was Jewish in race
    - h) Jesus saves those who believe
    - i) Jesus brings new birth
    - j) Jesus became flesh
    - k) Jesus is full of Glory
    - l) Jesus IS GOD!

2. The truth we celebrate today, Jesus was born and lived among us
  - a) The story declares heaven celebrated
  - b) The story declares Satan tried to interfere
  - c) The story declares God took of physical form and lived, died, and lived again

B. Truth of Faith

1. My faith is in Jesus
2. Jesus was born as a fulfillment of a promise
3. Jesus' birth was foretold, and declared
4. Yet, it still takes FAITH!
  - a) People are not usually born in this way
  - b) People had been waiting for a long time
  - c) People have been trying to make sense of it from the promise being made, until today, and yet struggle.
5. It takes FAITH to follow Jesus
6. I love how open people are to this truth, and they enjoy Christmas, but its still a walk of Faith to believe.

C. Truth of Grace

1. The concept of Grace is what sets us apart from all other world religions.
2. We have GRACE that draws us into relationship
3. We have GRACE that sustains us in relationship
4. We have GRACE that saves and forgives
5. We see common grace: the light was able to be seen by all
6. And we have saving faith: the light still is seen most clearly and fully when you believe!
7. Without FAITH you:
  - a) Cannot please God
  - b) Cannot find peace
  - c) Cannot be in relationship
  - d) Cannot EXPERIENCE THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS!

IV. Close

A. The Miracle of the Incarnation is celebrated today in the church living by faith

B. It was necessary and right for Jesus to become flesh:

1. [Heb 4:14-16 ESV] 14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
2. Jesus is our great high priest
3. Jesus is our savior
4. Jesus is our example
5. Jesus is ALIVE TODAY and
6. Jesus is shining HIS LIGHT today through THE CHURCH!