

Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"God In The Flesh"
John 1:14-18
Part-3

John 1:1

John 1:14

"Hypostatic Union" – meaning: "The union of the divine and human natures in Jesus Christ."

Psalm 139:14

John 1:1-18 – Prologue/Introduction: Verses 1-5 Reveal Who Jesus Is, Verses 6-13 – How Will We Respond? Now, Verses 14-18 – How Was The Word In The World? Jesus Is God In Flesh!

Theme of John – The Deity of Jesus Christ. **"Jesus: God And Savior"**

Key Passage and Purpose of John – John 20:30-31

Thought Of Our Passage: "Jesus, Who Is Eternal, Came In The Flesh In Order To Fully Explain God To Mankind."

1. Verse 14 – God In Flesh

2. Verses 15-16 – God In Witness

3. Verses 17-18 – God Is Revealed

1. Verse 14 – God In Flesh:

John 1:14

John 1:12-13

"the Word became flesh," – John uses 4 words to describe the incarnation. Luke uses 2,500 to describe the birth of Jesus.

John 1:1 (God Is Eternal)

"And the Word became flesh," – The word "flesh" refers to physical life, human nature.

“Jesus was all God, as if He were not man; Jesus was all man, as if He were not God. He was fully God and fully man. The perfect God Man.”

Docetism – compound word “seem to appear.” Belief that matter was evil and the spirit was good. So Jesus’ body was a phantom, apparition.

1 John 4:2-3

Philippians 2:6-8

and dwelt among us, “to live in a tent, pitched a tent, camping, residence for a limited time” Literally “Jesus tabernacle among us”

Jesus appeared in a human tent. His glory was hidden or obscured by human flesh.

“and we saw” – is the Greek word by which we get “theater”; it means “to look closely at, inspect.”

“glory” – “brightness or splendor.” “we” – Peter, James and John saw Jesus at the transfiguration, Matthew 17:2-5.

2 Peter 1:16-18

“glory as of the only begotten” – “the one and only.” It can mean “one-begotten” or “one-kind; Jesus the only one physically begotten!

“from the Father,” – This is speaking of the uniqueness of Jesus Christ.

full of grace – **G-R-A-C-E** – God’s Riches **A**t Christ’s **E**xpense.

Titus 2:11

“and truth.” 25X “the manifestation of reality, what is actually there.” No salvation grace unless we accept the truth! Ephesians 1:13

Truth Is Light! John 1:4 (We can accept it or reject it)

2 Thessalonians 2:12

2. Verses 15-16 – God In Witness:

John 1:15

Verse 15 – Testimony Of John The Baptist – “John testified about Him and cried out, saying, ‘This was He of whom I said,’” – John 1:19.

John is a witness of 3 things:

- 1. His Person** – “saying, “**This was He of whom I said,**” – Note that John identifies that Jesus is the Divine person.
- 2. His Preeminence** – “**He who comes after me has a higher rank than I,**”
- 3. His Preexistence** – “**for He existed before me.**” How could that be, since John was 6 months older than Jesus? (Luke 1:26, 36) He was referring to Jesus’ Preexistence.

Micah 5:2

John 8:56-58

Verse 16 – Testimony Of True Believers – John 1:16

“For of His fullness” – this is speaking of the fullness of the divine power.

Colossians 1:19

Colossians 2:9

Mark 6, we have the feeding of the 5000. Mark 6:41-44

“we have all received,” – Even if we don’t personally know Jesus, we are blessed.

“and grace upon grace.” – “grace has been heaped upon another.”

Romans 5:20

3. Verses 17-18 – God Is Revealed:

John 1:17

“For the Law was given through Moses;” – It speaks of God’s demands, God’s standards, it is unyielding, and without mercy.

Galatians 3:24

“grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.” – Exodus 34:6

“Jesus Christ” – This is the first time that John uses this term for God.

Law and Grace complement and supplement one another. Law makes righteous demands; Grace and Truth come to meet the demands.

John 1:18

“No one has seen God at any time;” – Exodus 33:20

These, at best, were just the backside of God. Exodus 33:23

John 4:24

Philippians 2:6-7

Example – 1 Timothy 6:16

“the only begotten God,” – This would read, “one of a kind son, one of a kind God.” This is saying that Jesus is God.

“who is in the bosom of the Father,” – “with God.”

“He has explained Him.” – This Greek word is where we get the word “exegesis” – “to unfold, declare, tell.” Literally, “leads the way to, let out, and declares God, to make known by expounding!”

John 5:23

John 15:23

Application:

1. To Be Wrong About Jesus Christ Is To Be Wrong About God! When We Get To Know Jesus, We Will Get To Know God.
2. Jesus, The Divine Word, Took On Humanity Without Giving Up His Deity, In Order To Fully Explain God To Mankind.
3. Nothing We Need To Know About God Now Remains Unrevealed. Jesus Is The Fullest Revelation Of The Father.