

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

The Book of John

Lesson 1

The Incarnation¹ of the Son of God

John 1:1-18

FOCUS VERSE

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14).

SECTION 1 – The Deity² of Christ

Read John 1:1, 2.

What does John reveal about the Word³? _____

LOOK DEEPER

Read I John 1:1-4, summarize what John further reveals about the Word of Life? _____

What did the manifestation⁴ of the Word cause John to do (vv. 2, 3)? _____

Why did he declare the Word of Life to others (vv. 3, 4)? _____

¹ incarnation: the Son of God becoming Man.

² deity: of divine nature; Godhood.

³ the Word: Jesus Christ the Son of God.

⁴ manifestation: appear, show, self declare.

PERSONAL

Have you ever declared the Word of Life to anyone? What were the results? _____

SECTION 2 – The Preincarnate⁵ Work of Christ

Read John 1:3-5.

1. What happened in the beginning (vv. 3)? _____

What does Genesis 1:1 say about creation? _____

According to these Scriptures, who is the Creator? _____

2. What does Paul reveal about Jesus the Son of God (Colossians 1:15-17)? _____

PERSONAL

Meditate on Colossians 1:15-17. What comfort do you receive from these verses? _____

How does this knowledge help you in the world we live in today? _____

⁵ preincarnate: before becoming flesh.

3. Where is life found (John 1:4)? _____
 What is life? _____
 Where does it shine (v. 5a)? _____
4. What is revealed about darkness (v. 5b)? _____
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SECTION 3 – The Witness⁷ of the Light

Read John 1:6-8, God sent a man named John⁸ for a specific purpose.

1. What was John’s purpose (v. 7)? _____
 Why? _____
2. Was he the Light (vs. 8)?
*He was _____ that _____, but was _____ to bear _____
 of that Light.*

PERSONAL

How are you a witness of the Light in this world? _____

SECTION 4 – The Rejection and Acceptance of the Light

Read John 1:9-13.

1. How is the Light described (v. 9)? _____
 What does the Light do? _____
2. How did the world respond to their Creator and Light (v. 10)? _____

⁶ comprehend: to take hold of; understand, overcome.

⁷ witness: one who verifies and testifies to the truth.

⁸ John: John the Baptist.

3. What was the response of His own⁹ to this Light (v. 11)? _____

4. What happens to all those who receive Him and believe in His Name (v. 12)? _____

What does that mean to you? _____

LOOK DEEPER

By whose will are we given the opportunity to become children of God (v. 13b)? _____

PERSONAL

Do you believe in His name and have you received by faith¹⁰ the Word, the Light and the Life of man? If so, how did this happen?

SECTION 5 – The Incarnation of Christ

Read John 1:14-18.

1. What did the Word become (v. 14a)? _____

What became His temporary dwelling place? _____

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How did the Word become flesh?

Isaiah 7:14 _____

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⁹ own: God's chosen people, the Jews.

¹⁰ faith: believing in God based on His Word.

¹¹ Immanuel: God with us.

Matthew 1:18-25 _____

Luke 1:26-38 _____

What words or phrases show us the humanity of the Son of God?

Example:

Matthew 8:23, 24 *He was asleep* _____

John 4:6 _____

v. 7 _____

John 11:33 _____

v. 35 _____

John 19:28 _____

v. 30 _____

v. 34 _____

2. Because of the miracle of the incarnation of Christ, what is man able to behold (John 1:14b)? _____

What is the Only Begotten of the Father filled with? _____¹² ¹³

3. What did John the Baptist, the witness of the Light declare (v. 15)? _____

¹² grace: unmerited favor for sinful man.

¹³ Truth: God's Word.

4. When the Only Begotten Son of God became flesh, what did we receive and whom did He declare (vv. 16-18)?

PERSONAL

What do you learn about the character of God from this lesson? _____

*He was in the world,
and the world was made through Him,
and the world did not know Him.*

John 1:10

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