

“The Word Became Flesh”

John 1:1-18

Our focus on this Lord’s Day before Christmas will be on the Apostle John’s account of the Incarnation, God coming to live among us. There is far more in this passage than we can cover in detail, but we will look at five broad truths to guide us through this rich, instructive prologue to John’s Gospel.

1. THE WORD AND HIS DEITY (vs. 1-2)

- **The Word is eternal (John 1:15; 8:58).**
- **The Word enjoys intimate fellowship with God.**
- **The Word is God.**

2. THE WORD AND HIS CREATION (vs. 3)

- **The Word is the Source of Life (Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2; Acts 2:23-24; 3:15).**
- **The Word is the Sustainer of Life (Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 1:17).**

3. THE WORD AND HIS ILLUMINATION (vs. 4-9)

- **His Light brings enlightenment (Luke 1:78; Isaiah 9:2; Matthew 4:16).**
- **His Light is indestructible.**

1. THE WORD AND HIS RECEPTION (vs. 10-13)

- **Most failed to recognize Him and did not receive Him (Matthew 21:33-49; Luke 19:41-44).**
- **Some received Him and believed on His name (Isaiah 55:10-11).**

- **Salvation begins with a spiritual birth brought about by God (John 1:13; 1 Peter 1:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 3:1-8).**

5. THE WORD AND HIS INCARNATION (vs. 14-18; 20:30-31).

- **His arrival**
- **His presence**
- **His glory**
- **His character**
- **His Purpose**