

Christ the Incarnate Son Discussion Questions

John 1:14

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1. How would you define glory? What do you think of when you hear the term glory of the Lord?
2. What are some of the ways God manifested His presence in the Bible?
3. Read 1 Kings 8:10-11. What did God's glory do in this passage? Why couldn't the priest do their jobs?
4. How did Israel take God's presence and glory for granted?
5. What happened when they took the Ark of the Covenant into battle with them against the Philistines? Who died because of this?
6. Why did God remove His presence from Israel? What did God want to accomplish by removing His presence from them?
7. Does God remove His presence from us when we continue to sin? Why or why not?
8. How does God get our attention today? What does He use to guide us to repentance?
9. What do you think Israel thought or felt as God's glory moved from the Mercy Seat to the Mount of Olives in the Book of Ezekiel? Do you think they even noticed the movement?
10. How do you think Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and other characters from the Christmas story felt, knowing that the glory of the Lord had returned to them and was dwelling with them?
11. In the original language, different words are used for tabernacle and temple. Why would God use the term tabernacle which was temporary instead of the word for temple? What benefit is there from a tabernacle instead of a temple?
12. How are we a tabernacle of the Lord?
13. What did it mean when Jesus went from the Mount of Olives to the temple on Palm Sunday? Why is this important to us?
14. Read Zechariah 14:4. Where will Christ return at His Second Coming?
15. Read Revelation 21:22-23. What does this passage tell us about the temple? Why won't there be a temple in this city?
16. Where is God's glory today? How does God dwell with us today?
17. How do we shine with God's glory?