

Christ the Incarnate Son Notes

John 1:14

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Main Point: The story of Christmas is all about the return of God's glory.

Glory Defined

1. The word "glory" literally means, "_____ in weight, important, significant, having great reputation and splendor, brightness and beauty, worthiness and honor."
2. God's Shekinah glory is the transliteration of a Hebrew word meaning, "the one who _____."
3. When the invisible God manifests His presence, He makes His glory visible in profound and _____ ways by descending to dwell among people.
4. God guided and guarded His people through His _____.

Glory Displayed

1. This portable sanctuary was a tent where God's Shekinah glory shone over the mercy seat between the two golden cherubim." (Exodus 25:8)
2. Cherubim are winged angelic beings who protect and _____ the glory of God.
3. Even though God displayed His presence in a powerful way, God's people began to take God's glory for _____.

Glory Departed

1. According to Numbers 4:15, only the _____ priest could touch the Ark.
2. God allowed the Ark to be _____ by their enemies and 30,000 soldiers were slaughtered.
3. Because of people's persistent sin and rebellion, God raised up the Babylonians who wiped out Jerusalem and destroyed the _____.
4. God's glory left in _____ to show His grace, giving people an opportunity to repent and return to Him (Ezekiel 8:4, 9:3, 10:4, 18-19, 11:23).
5. Isaiah 64:1 captures the plaintive plea of the people as they lamented the departed glory.

Glory Descended

1. We see God once again exhibiting an explosion of sight and sound, this time to lowly _____ (Luke 2:9).
2. A whole arsenal of adoring angels broke through the heavens and proclaimed the God's glory had returned in the birth of a _____ (vs 14)!
3. God's glory had _____ to dwell with people again.
4. "Glory to God in the highest" means the "_____ and most elevated."
5. There is no one higher and nothing greater.

6. "The Word became flesh" is the single, most unique quality of Christianity that makes it different from any other religion: God became _____.
7. "And dwelt among us" refers "to pitching one's _____."
8. More specifically it means, "to settle, to _____, to inhabit."
9. This word "dwelt" is the same word used for "_____."
10. The body of Jesus is the new tabernacle and the new temple.
11. In Him, the glory of God has descended, and He has pitched His tent to dwell among us and with us.
12. He departed from the Mount of Olives, _____ the order of the departure of God's glory in Ezekiel.
13. The King of Glory went into the _____.
14. Verse 45 tells us *Immanuel* _____ the temple because it had become *Ichabod*.
15. The temple is left "desolate," which means, "_____ to ruin" because it had become *Ichabod*, devoid of God's glory.

Glory Delivered

1. When Jesus returns, God's glory _____ (Matthew 24:30, Zechariah 14:4, Revelation 21:3, 11, 22-23, 27).

Glory Discovered

1. God's glory was previously tied to a place but now it's wrapped up in a _____ named Jesus.
2. When we put our faith in Him, His glory comes and resides within us.
3. 1 Corinthians 3:16 says the glory of God now dwells within His _____.
4. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 says God's glory dwells within individual _____.
5. The word "full" means, "abounding or _____."
6. "Grace" refers to a favor done without expectation of _____.
7. "Truth" has the idea of factual, pure, sincere, and without _____.