

SERIES: Gospel of John  
**The Word Became Flesh**  
John 1:14-18

**The Gospel is Embodied in Jesus (1:14)**

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  - The eternal one entered into **time**.
  - The invisible God became **visible**.
  - The uncreated Son entered into His creation.
  - The holy God came to dwell among his **sinful** people.
  - The immortal divinity took on mortal **humanity**.
- It was essential for our salvation that Jesus would become a man.
  - If Jesus did not become a man, He could not be **tempted**.
  - If Jesus did not become a man, He could not be an example.
  - If Jesus did not become a man, He could not **die**.
    - We should never look at Bethlehem without seeing **Calvary**.
    - We should never contemplate the incarnation without our thoughts drifting to the crucifixion.
    - We should never think about the cradle without considering the **cross**.

**The Gospel is Explained in Jesus (1:14-18)**

- **Jesus and the Tabernacle:** *"He dwelt among us."* (14)
  - In the OT, God lived among his people in a **tent**.
  - In the NT, God came to live among his people in human **flesh**.
- **Jesus and the Glory of God:** *"We have seen His glory."* (14)
  - We can only see the fullness of God's glory in Jesus.
    - Moses was only allowed to see God's **back**.
    - Through Jesus, we now can see his **face**.
  - Jesus shows God's glory in being full of grace and truth.
- **Jesus and the Prophets:** *"John bore witness about him."* (15)
  - John the Baptist bore witness about Jesus.
    - John stands as the last of the OT prophets who prepared the way for Jesus.
    - Jesus is superior to John the Baptist because Jesus was **before** him.
- **Jesus and the Law:** *"For the law was given to Moses. Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."* (16-17)
  - We can only receive grace from Jesus.
  - The law of Moses pointed to Jesus.
    - The law was a gift of grace for Israel because it pointed them to their need for a Savior.
    - Jesus is the greater gift of grace because he fulfilled the law and would truly save his people.
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