

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for August 23-24, 2003

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"The Word Incarnate"

John 1:14

What makes Jesus qualified to reveal God to man?

What we learned about the Word and God in John 1:1-2 makes Jesus qualified to reveal God to man.

What we learned about the Word and creation in John 1:3-5 makes Jesus qualified to reveal God to man.

What we learned about the Word and John the Baptist in John 1:6-8 makes Jesus qualified to reveal God to man.

What we are learning about the Word incarnate in John 1:9-14 makes Jesus qualified to reveal God to man.

We learned that the Word, the true light, who alone is able to enlighten every man, chose to come into the world (John 1:9).

We learned that the true light was rejected (John 1:10-11).

We learned that though the true light was rejected by the multitudes, there were some who chose to receive Him and become children of God (John 1:12).

Those who become children of God can only become children of God by the grace of God (John 1:13).

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We learn that though the Word became flesh, His glory was not hidden from those who had become His children (John 1:14).

The term "flesh" (SARX) in this text refers to the totality of all that is essential to be considered genuinely human.

The verb "dwelt" (SKENKOO) is connected with the Greek word for "tent" (SKENE) which could easily be reminiscent of the tent of meeting in the Old Testament (Exodus 33:7-11).

In the Old Testament, God chose to tabernacle with men in the tent of meeting. In the New Testament, God chose to tabernacle with men by becoming flesh.

God's choice to become incarnate and to dwell among men gave mankind the opportunity to observe His glory.

The word "glory" (DOXA) commonly is used to denote the visible manifestation of God's self-disclosure.

In the Old Testament, God is disclosed as majestic and powerful, worthy of adulation and service (Exodus 33:7-11).

In the New Testament, God in His incarnation is disclosed as the supreme servant (Mark 10:45).

When God chose to become flesh and dwell among us, the glory that He enjoyed in heaven was veiled but there was another glory that became visible to those who had eyes to see.

The Greek term (MONOGENES) translated "only begotten" simply means "unique."

John saw the cross of Jesus as glory (John 12:23-24).

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When you think of the glory of God, hopefully you will not limit yourself to thinking of God on His throne but hopefully you will think of God on His cross.