



Part 3 - Love

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So, the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. ¹⁵ John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.'" ¹⁶ From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us. - John 1:14-18 NLT

When Love Moved into the Neighborhood

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood! - John 1:14 MSG

Why Love Came Down...

1. So That the UNREAL Can Be REAL (John 1:14)

This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. - 1 John 4:2 NLT

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation. - Colossians 1:15 NLT

2. So That the UNTOLD Can Be TOLD (John 1:15)

There once was a man, his name John, sent by God to point out the way to the Life-Light. He came to show everyone where to look, who to believe in. John was not himself the Light; he was there to show the way to the Light. - John 1:6-8 MSG

3. So That the UNAPPROACHABLE Can Be APPROACHABLE (John 1:16-18)

Not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. - John 6:46 ESV (see also - John 14:9)

All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. - Matthew 11:27 ESV