

L3 | The Word was Made Flesh | Come to Bethlehem and See | John 1:1-18

I. Intro/Review:

- Mary Espoused to Joseph
- Heavenly Host & Lowly Shepherds
- Theme - God's use of weak, base things

II. Preview:

- The Word was Made Flesh
 - The Word made all thing (flesh)
 - The Word made flesh
- Christ takes on His them - becomes weak, becomes foolish
 - "weakness of God stronger than men"
 - "foolishness of God is wiser than men"

III. Sermon:

- Matt. 1:18 - "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: when as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost."
 - Luke 1:26-37, 2:1-7
 - Isaiah 7:14, 9:6ff
 - Gal. 4 - "made of a woman"
 - Romans 1 - "made of the seed of David according to the flesh" (2 Tim. 2)
 - Rom. 9 - "concerning the flesh Christ came"
 - Eph. 2 - "without Christ"
 - 2 Samuel 7
 - Ps. 132:11 - "The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; He will not turn from it; "of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne."
 - Rev. 22:16 - "...I am the root and the offspring of David..." (Rev. 5:5 - "Root of David")
- Philippians 2
 - "He veiled the glory of His divine nature in ours, so that there was no outward appearance or revelation of it."
- Hebrews 10:5-10 - body of Jesus Christ (Ps. 40)
- 2 Corinthians 8:9 - "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich."

- Rags to riches, riches to rags
- Glory-to-Poverty
 - Jn. 1 - "bosom of the Father"
 - Best and sweetest enjoyments
 - God is infinitely self-sufficient both in Himself and in all that He does. Man is continually seeking for self-satisfaction. But no creature can find eternal blessedness or satisfaction in itself, for no creature is self-sufficient.
 - Creator - no room for the inn
 - Created all authority - made lower than the angels
 - Omnipresent - being in one place at one time in flesh
 - Independent (give life and breathe to all things) - takes on breathe, dependent upon those He upholds
 - Clean - to unclean
 - All knowing - learned He obedience through suffering
 - Righteousness - made sin for us
- "likeness of sinful flesh"
 - Condemnation - justification
 - Agony - victory
 - Pain - Ease
 - Stripes - Healing Balm
 - Curse - Blessing
 - Crown of Thorns - Crown of Glory

IV. Conclusion:

- One Mediator - 1 Timothy 2:5
- Contentment of our soul
 - Overcome the world