

**December 21, 2025**

## **Advent 2025 – The Grand Miracle**

### **Study Guide: *The Word Became Flesh***

**Text:** John 1:1–14 (Focus on v.14)

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#### **Opening Reflection: *More Than It Appears***

The block of wood reminds us that what appears simple often holds hidden depth, structure, and purpose. So it is with the Christmas story.

#### **Question 1:**

- Where have you tended to think of Christmas—or Jesus—as simpler than He truly is?
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#### **The Word Became Flesh**

John presents the Christmas story not as sentimental or simplistic, but as God in action—life entering death, light entering darkness, eternity entering time.

#### **Question 2:**

- Why does it matter that Jesus is both fully God and fully human?

#### **Question 3:**

- How does the incarnation answer the question of how God rescues people who reject Him?
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#### **Complexity That Creates Hope**

The incarnation was not God choosing the easy way, but the costly and intimate way. The Word did not stay distant—He became flesh.

#### **Question 4:**

- How does the complexity of Jesus’ incarnation strengthen your hope rather than complicate your faith?
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#### **He Made His Dwelling Among Us**

To say Jesus “dwelt among us” is to say He *tabernacled* with us—God choosing to live in the middle of human life.

#### **Question 5:**

- What does it mean to you personally that God chose to be near rather than distant?

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## We Have Seen His Glory

God's glory, once hidden and unapproachable, is now seen in Jesus—full of grace and truth.

### Question 6:

- Where have you seen or experienced glimpses of God's glory in your own life?
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## Personal Reflection: Hope for Complex Lives

Life is complex, painful, and often overwhelming.

The Christmas story does not deny that complexity—it enters it.

### Final Question:

- What area of your life needs the simple hope that comes from the Word becoming flesh?
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## Closing Thought

The miracle of Christmas is not merely that a baby was born,

but that **God came near**—

and in the complexity of that miracle, we find real and lasting hope.