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Advent 2025 – The Grand Miracle

Study Guide: *The Word Became Flesh*

Text: John 1:1–14 (Focus on v.14)

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?

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?

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?

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?

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?

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?

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.