

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

The Light Has Come - Part 3

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John 1:14 (NLT) 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.

John 1:14 (ESV) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- **This is the doctrine of the incarnation. What is the incarnation?**
- **Incarnation literally means “embodied in flesh” or “taking on flesh”.**

Why does the incarnation matter?

Hebrews 1:1-5 (NLT) Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. ² And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe. ³ The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honour at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven. ⁴ This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels, just as the name God gave him is greater than their names.

Hebrews 1:3 (AMP) “Jesus is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature...”

1) God reveals Himself to us as Jesus Christ through the incarnation.

John 1:14b “And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.”

John 1:12 “But to all who believed Him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.”

2) Jesus identifies with us by entering our messy lives.

3) The incarnation made it possible for Jesus to make us righteous.

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Romans 5:16b-19 (NLT) ...Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins. ¹⁷ For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. ¹⁹ Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

4) The incarnation gives us our model for mission.

John 1:14 (MSG) The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.

How can you show the love of God to those around you this Christmas?

Big Idea: Marvel at the mystery of the incarnation this Christmas.

What difference does the incarnation make in my life this week?

The incarnation helps me...

- **Remember how much God loves me.**
- **Rest in God's grace.**
- **Reflect Jesus in unfailing love & faithfulness to God & others.**



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- 3) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in this passage? What interesting details do you observe? Is anything repeated? What questions come up about the passage? Are there connecting words or ideas?
- 4) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in this passage for us and what does this tell us about who Christ is and what He came to do? What does "full of grace and truth mean"?
- 5) Read Hebrews 1:1-4, and Romans 5:16-19 for more understanding. What are the implications for us as people who desire to follow Christ?
- 6) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through this passage? (Take some time for Listening Prayer). How does this passage call on you to change the way you live? What will you do this week as a result of this teaching? What aspect of this teaching do you need to pass on to others?



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