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ADVENT 2014, PT 2-"Word of the fthr, now in flesh appearing;"(Jn 1:14)

>>>>As Christmas 2014 approaches...

\*We're doing a 3-pt ADVENT SERIES

\*With each msg centered arnd the words of a great Christmas carole

>>>>TDY: [O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL]

[3<sup>rd</sup> verse]"Yea, Lord, we greet Thee

Born this happy morning,

Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father,

Now in flesh appearing;

\* & THT'S OUR TOPIC FR TDY(3x's)-PTL!

>>>>Our topic fr tdy is John 1 14: "&

the Word became flesh... & dwelt

among us, & we beheld His Glory,

Glory tht belongs to the one-&-only

[Son] of the Fthr, full of grace & truth

>>>Wht we want to do tdy...is to dissect

this marvelous verse of Scripture

\*To make sure we rllly under saying

\*Thn talk abt what diff m:es fr u/me

[SO--READY??]

\*I-V. 14 bgins by saying: "& the Wrđ..."

A. NOW—who exactly IS .."Th: Word"?

- ✓ 1. Well--the "Word" of v. 14 is the "Word" of v. 1
- \* 2. Jn 1:1-"In the beg was the Word, & the Word was with God & the Word was GOD"
- \* 3. The "Word" of v. 14 is the "Word" of v. 1—NAMELY...
- \* God the Son
- \* The 2nd prsn of the Gdhead
- \* Who IS Gd/always has been Gd /always will be Gd

B. & look wht else B says ab "the Word"

\* #1. Jn 1:3-"All thngs were made byHm & no single thing that has been created was created without him.

\* #2-Col 1:17-& in Him, all thngs hold together"

\* #3- Jn 1:4-"In Him was life"

\* \*Jn 5:26-"Fr as the Father has life in Himself, so He has given to the Son to hve life in Himself"

\* \*Jn 5:21-"As the Father raises the dead & gives life to them, even so, the Son gives life to whomever He wishes"

ILLUT: This is an incredible statement!

\*I mn—even tho U/I are "alive"... we can't "give life" to anybody else

APL: But J "gave life" to Lazarus (J11)

\*J "gave life" to Jairus' little girl(Lk8)

\*J "gve life" to widowofNairi's son(Lk7)

\*& the only rsn U/I are alive here tdy

\* \*\*Is bc "The WORD"... Isen LJC

\*\*Acc to HIS good pleasure ...

\*\*Decided to "gve life" to U/me tdy

\* #4- Rev 19:11-“& I saw hvn opened, & behold, a white horse! & He who sat upon him...(V. 13) is called 'The Word of God', & the armies of heaven, followed Him.”

\* #V. 16-“& He has on His robe & on His thigh a name; written: 'KNG OF KNGS &LRD OF LRDS'

\* #5. Rev 1:18(J)-“I am He who lives, & was dead & am alive forevermore. & I hold the keys of Death & Hell.”

C.SO-just who're we dealing w/in J 1:14

1. We're dealing with Gd the Son

\* Forever & eternally divine

\* The creator of the Universe

- \*The sustainer of the Univ
- \*The giver of all life
- \*The leader of heaven's armies
- \*The ownr of the keys to death/hell
- \*The K of Kings & Lrd of Lrds...
  - \*\*To whm evry knee will bow
  - \*\*& evry tongue will confess!

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### [WHT THE "WORD" DO? 4 THINGS]

#### \*D. 1<sup>st</sup> - "The Word became flesh"

- \*1. Phil 2:6- "(Jesus) existed in the form of Gd...yet He was made in the likeness of man"
- 2. Gd the Son took on a human body
- 3. WHEN did this hppn? 1<sup>st</sup> C'ms day
- 4. HOW did this hppn? Virgin Birth
- \*5. Lk 1:35- (Gab to Mary) "The HS shall come upon U & the power of the Most High Gd shall overshadow U & the holy being tht shall be born of U will be called the Son of Gd"
- \*5. Gd the HS prepared a body fr God the Son inside Mary's womb
  - \*A real human body except tht it had no sin nature
- \*6. Then Gd the Son entered & lived in

tht bdy as fully Gd-full; man until  
His death 33 years late.

7. The "Word" became flesh

\*E. 2<sup>nd</sup>-("& the Word became flesh)...& dwelt among us"

\*Col. 2:9  
FOR IN JESUS, ALL  
the fullness of  
deity dwells  
in bodily form.

1. This "Gd-man" (LJC) lived right here on erth along side us lmn beings
2. Eating/drinking/sleeping/laughing  
/crying-- along with the rest of us

\*F. #3-("& the Word became flesh & dwelt among us) & we beheld his Glory, Glory tht belongs to the one-&-only [Son] of the Father"

- \*1. "We" here refers to the disciples
2. These mn saw & exprienced J's Glory
3. They saw it on Mt of Transfiguration:

\*Mt 17:1-"& J took Ptr, James, & Jn his brthr, & brot thm up on a high mountain by thmselves

\*Mt 17:2-"& He was transfigured before thm; & His face shone like the sun & His clothes became as white as light"

4. They also saw it in miracles He did

\*Jn 2:11--"This is the 1st miracle

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that J did in Cana of Galilee.

thus revealing His [SAY] Glory"

\* Jn 11:40 (ab to raise Lazarus)--to Martha: "Did I not tell U tht if U wld believe, U'd see th: Glory of Gd?"--NOW JUST WATCH THIS!!

5. On&on it went-day aftr day aftr day

blank \*Healing the sick & the lame & the blind & the disabled & lepers

\*Casting out demons/raising dead

\*6. Mk 3:7-"A great multitude from Galilee, Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea & Transjordan & frm the nghbrhd of Tyre & Sidon-a great multitude-when they heard wht great things He was doing, came to Him"

MAA \*

7. & REM: the 4 Gspels(MMLJn) only record ...31 days of J's life!!!

\*8. So multiply 4 G's by the other 35 months of J's public ministry

9. & we can see why Jn said ...tht J displayed a Glory whcl. cld only be displayed by "the one-&-only [Son] of God the Father"

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\*G. 4<sup>th</sup>-"(& the Word became flesh & dwelt

among us & we beheld his Glory,  
Glory tht belongs to the one-&-only  
[Son]of the Fthr)full of grace & truth

- \* 1. J told us real truth ab evythng  
 \* Life/death/heaven/he l/God  
 \* & the real truth abt ourselves  
 & where we stand w/ with God

SALV: WHT THIS MNS = any prsn/relig  
 \* tht tells U anything diff thn J said..is  
 telling U LIES!!!!

- \* LIES tht'll land yur soul in hell fr  
 \* LIES tht'll

\* blank 2. J was also full of "GRACE"

- \* His LIFE was "full of grace"...  
 \*\* Showing kindness & mercy  
 & compassion to all he met  
 \* His DEATH was "full of grace"  
 \*\* Dying in our place to redeem  
us ...& reconcile us to Gd

\* blank H. Summarize—"Word of the fthr, now  
 \* in flesh appearing "

- \* 1. Who IS this "Word of the Father?"  
 \* None othr thn 2<sup>nd</sup>Prsn of Gdhead  
 \* The eternal, immortal JC Hmslf  
 2. & what did He DO?



- \* #1. Took on a sinless human body
- \* #2. Dwelt among us
- \* #3. Showed us His glory as God's unique & only Son
- \* #4. Told us the truth abt ourselves & thn (in his life & in his death) extended to us the undeserved mercy & grace of God

\* II- SO WHAT? \* BLANK

\* A. REM: Jn 1:14--" & the Wrd became flesh & dwelt [WHERE?] among us"

B. Beautiful word picture here in Gk

\* 1. The Gk word used here for "dwelt" (skanao) = literally "to pitch a tent"

2. It's the same Gk word tht's used for OT Taber (essentially a big tent)

3. Taber = place where Is' s wld meet wth God before Tem in Jer was built

\* Where they wld worsh p Gd...

\* & pray ... & ask Gd for help

4. & where did Gd put Taber? -- love!

w/picture \* 5. Num 2:17-- "the Taber shall be set up in the MIDDLE of the camp

\* 6. LISTEN-- God could've put the Taber way outside the camp...



\*Separated frm Is's--of to itself..

\*Thereby communicating...

\*Tht Gd's interestd in helping us

\*So long as He doesn't have to get too close to us as sinners!

7. But Gd didn't do that--DID HE?

*blank*  
\* 8. He plopped tht Taber rght smack-dab in the middle of those Is's..

\*Up close to the murmurers

\*Up close to the complainers

\*Up close to the rebels

\*Up close to evry sinner in camp

\* C. & J 1:14 says this is exactly wht J did  
D. J didn't say: "Well, I'll die on the cross fr these pple; but I really don't want to be around them" NO! NO! NO!

✓ E. J "tabernacled" His incarnate deity right in the middle of us sinners!

1. Bec He wants to be close to us

2. He wants to be involv'd in our lives

3. He wants to enter into cur hrtaches

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& our prob's right along side of us

ILLUST: QUEEN ELIZABETH--VISIT TO ENGLAND--WENT TO BUCK PALACE

\*Woulda loved to drop in & have a

few crumpets and tea with her!

\*Separated frm "commoners" like me  
 \*She's nvr found in slums of London  
 with Bert & Mary Poppins

\*& Eng'sh ple don't thnk this strange

\*AS ROYALTY-meant to be separate

A: Folks--this may be an OK fr a queen..  
 but it's not OK for a Savior

\*When U/I are facing pain/trouble/  
heartaches/struggles--

\*Don't need to go to a palace & watch  
 the changing of the guard

\*Need a Savior who'll "pitch their  
tent" right in there w/us

\*& love us/help/comfort/care abt

\*& tht's exactly wht I do s!

H. 1 Pet 5:7--"Cast all yur cares on Him,  
 bec He cares for you"

\*CONCLUSION

ILLUS: U know--it's December...& C'mas  
 is coming...& we're all supposd to be  
 full of joy & celebration

\*But fr many of us—jst not way it is!

\*We've got problems/heavy hrts

\*Maybe we just recently lost lved one

Pops  
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\* MATT 1:23  
 quoting ISAIAH  
 "GOD WITH US"

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- \*Or we've got a child away frm Lord
- \*Or a marriage tht's in trouble
- \*Or we're single & wishng we were m'd
- \*Or we're groaning under burden of  
single-parent hood
- \*Or we've got financial problems
- \*Or serious medical issues

>> There's a heavy hrt in evry row hre tdy

\*picture >> There's a heavy hrt in the pulpit tdy

APPL: Mt 11:28(J)- "Come to Me...

\* I'm not afar off like Q. Elizabeth

\* I'm right here with U

\* SO- "Come to Me, all U who're weary  
& heavy laden--& I will give U rest

\* >> Ps 55:22- "Cast yur burdens on the Lrd  
& He will sustain U/hold U up"

## CONCLUSION

>> PICTURE... I so often feel like this mn

>>>> J's invitaion:

\* Come to me, Lon

\* Bec I care abt U so much

\* & I'm right here with U

\* I'll hold U up/carry U if needed

> 1Pet 5:7- "Cast all yur cares on Me, Lon,  
because I care about U" TO U TOO