

Advance to the Manger — Day 23

Advance in His Glory

John 1:14 TPT

"And so, the Living Expression became a man and lived among us! We gazed upon his glory, the glory of the One and Only who came from the Father overflowing with tender mercy and truth!"

Introduction:

Advance in Mystery

- Read Scripture: John 1:1-14
- Reflect on the mystery of Jesus being fully God and fully man.
- Encourage intentional Belief throughout the Christmas season.

Devotional:

The story of Christmas is the story of the incarnation, the moment when the eternal Word of God took on human flesh and entered into our world. John 1:14 beautifully captures the essence of this incredible event: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." As we advance towards the manger, let us reflect on the profound truth of the incarnation and its significance for our lives.

Heart Reflection

1. The Mystery of the Incarnation:

The incarnation is a mystery that surpasses human understanding. It is the divine act of God becoming human, of the eternal entering into time. The Word, who was with God and was God from the beginning, chose to take on human form and dwell among us. This act of humility and love demonstrates God's desire to intimately connect with His creation. As we approach the manger, let us stand in awe of the mystery of the incarnation and the depth of God's love for us.

2. Revealing God's Glory:

Through the incarnation, we have seen the glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus, the only Son of the Father, came to reveal the character and nature of God to humanity. In Jesus, we see the perfect embodiment of grace and truth. He showed us what it means to live a life of love, compassion, and obedience to the Father. As we approach the manger, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the radiance of God's glory, and allow His life to transform us from the inside out.

3. The Impact of the Incarnation:

The incarnation is not just a historical event; it has profound implications for our lives today. Through the incarnation, we have access to salvation, forgiveness, and reconciliation with God. Jesus came to seek and save the lost, to offer Himself as a sacrifice for our sins, and to bridge the gap between humanity and God. As we approach the manger, let us embrace the transformative power of the incarnation and allow Jesus to be born in our hearts, bringing us hope, peace, and eternal life.

Call To Action

- **Contemplate the Mystery:**
 - Take time to ponder the mystery of the incarnation.
 - Reflect on the profound truth that God chose to become human for our sake.
 - Consider the humility and love displayed in this act.
 - Allow yourself to be in awe of the depth of God's love for you.

- **Seek the Revelation of God's Glory:**
 - As you approach the manger, ask God to reveal His glory to you through Jesus Christ.
 - Spend time in prayer and study of the Scriptures.
 - Seek to know Jesus more intimately.
 - Meditate on:
 - His teachings
 - His life
 - His character.
 - Allow the revelation of His glory to transform your perspective and shape your own life.

- **Embrace the Impact of the Incarnation:**
 - The incarnation is not merely a theological concept; it has practical implications for how we live our lives.
 - Intimacy with God
 - Model of Humility and Love
 - Identity and Worth
 - Embrace the impact of the incarnation by surrendering your life to Jesus Christ.
 - Receive:
 - His forgiveness
 - His grace
 - His transforming power.
 - Allow His love to flow through you
 - Impact those around you with kindness, compassion, and truth.

Take A Way

As we advance towards the manger, let us be captivated by the mystery of the incarnation. May we embrace the revelation of God's glory through Jesus Christ and allow His life to impact and transform us. Let the truth of the incarnation shape our perspective, our actions, and our relationships. May the miracle of God becoming flesh fill us with wonder and awe as we journey towards the manger and beyond.

Prayer:

Oh Lord,
thank you for the gift of the word made flesh through the birth and life of Jesus. Help us to embrace the mystery and magnitude in our lives, to follow Your example of how you live and love. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we may reflect Your Glory in every aspect of our lives. May our example bring healing, hope, and encouragement to those around us. In Jesus' name, amen.