

“The Incarnation” - John 1:14-18

Please Stand and Open Your Bibles to John 1:1-18

Today we will finish the study on what is the prologue of this book. Let us remind ourselves the reason he wrote this book...

John 20:31

...but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Last week we pointed out that John made it clear that Jesus is the Son of God that has always existed. We saw Him as the maker and sustainer of all creation. That He is the very Word of God and is God. We talked about why this is important as the Gnostics have come in and started to infect the church. We will see more of that today as we will see that not only is Jesus 100% God, but He is also 100% man...

John 1:14a

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...

The Logos, or the Memra as we talked about last week and Friday with Jacob is the word, essence, person of God. But

John here lets us know that it is God who became flesh and dwelt among us. The word for dwelt is “Tabernacled” just as God’s presence was in the tabernacle with the nation of Israel in the wilderness so is Jesus when He walked among us.

This is what we call the “Incarnation”. It is also called by theologians the “Hypostatic Union”. He is and always will be 100% God and 100% man. Again, like last week with the Trinity, you will never be able to figure it out. It is a truth that the Bible teaches and must be believed in.

When Adam sinned, God gave them this promise...

Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and **her Seed**; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

Notice it says, “her Seed”? Women don’t carry the seed only the egg. This implies something supernatural. This would be further defined later on...

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

And those that try to say this word for virgin should just be young maiden we have it in the Greek...

The Virgin Birth

Matthew 1:18-25

... So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”...

Why was this important? Jesus had to be born of a virgin because man’s blood line is cursed. In order for Him to be the sinless Son of Man, to be able to take our place on the cross, He had to be miraculously conceived by the Holy Spirit. This is why we have two genealogies in the Gospels...

Matthew 1:16

And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.

This is the royal line passed down through Joseph that by marriage to Mary gives Jesus the right to rule and reign on the throne of David.

Luke 1:23

Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli

In the Greek it is quite clear that Joseph was the son in law of Heli who is Mary's father. It says literally, "Reckoned by law". In the Book of Numbers, we read about the daughters of Zelophehad. This man had no sons so no inheritance. This is what we see here. Mary being of the line of David through Nathan had no brothers so and by law became part of Joseph's line. It is worth your study on these things, but God is in every detail.

So, Jesus is not only God the Son but also the Son of Man. And John tells us he is a witness to this fact...

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

As we mentioned a couple of weeks ago the gospels are eyewitness testimony. That they saw God in the form of a man when they walked with Jesus. John would state in in his first letter...

1 John 1:1-2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us

And not only was John the Apostle an eyewitness but so was John the Baptist...

John 1:15

John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ ”

Now we will pick up more on this next week, but John was born six months before Jesus but yet he testified that He always was.

Luke 1:41-43

And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?”

But elaborating more on what we talked about last week John continues...

John 1:16-17

And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Remember the term “As many as received Him”? Yes, that is you and me! And how do we receive Him? By Grace!

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Now many have confused the gift here of being faith, but no, it is Salvation by grace!

Grace

χάρις

charis

God's unmerited favor

God's Riches At Christ's Expense

And notice it says to those that have received “Grace for Grace”. The Greek word for “for” is more like grace upon grace or grace unto more grace. When we receive Christ, He continues to give us grace. As much as you need! (Discuss Sanctification) And just so you are not confused about that John shows the contrast between Moses and Jesus. Moses brought the law and the law could never save you. This is why Moses could not go into the promised land. The Law could only show us we are guilty.

Romans 3:19-20

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

But in contrast to that is Jesus has given us grace and truth. The two go hand in hand. You can't have truth without grace. And you can't have grace without truth. Why? Because Jesus is the truth!

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

And why is that possible? Because Jesus and the Father are one!

John 1:18

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

Don't let anyone ever tell you that the Bible does not teach that Jesus is God. Here is another emphatic statement. The idea of declared is to reveal. Jesus is God in the body of a person. Remember we can't figure it out, but it is the truth. God exists in three persons, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. All have the same attributes and are in essence all the same. But because God is infinite and outside of our ability

to comprehend Jesus becoming a man shows us who God is in the form of a man.

Colossians 1:15

He is the image of the invisible God

The word for image here is where we get our word for “Icon”. It is a perfect likeness. Everything you want to know about God is found in Him.

Hebrews 1:1-3a

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person

This is an important truth that has to be reckoned with.

Because faith in any other form of Jesus than one who is God the Son is no faith at all.

1 John 2:22-23

Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies

the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

You cannot be saved and believe that Jesus is not God. Oh, but those Mormons are such nice people! They are deceived and deceiving others. That's why you need to confront them with the truth. Be bold and tell them that the Jesus they believe in can't save and if they die with their religion they will suffer in hell for all eternity.

2 John 1:7-8

For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.

Our witness needs to be true. John has shown us now let us go preach it to a lost a dying world.

Revelation 1:4-6

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

This is who you are that have received Him and if you have not, please receive Him today!