

Series: Simply Jesus (9/2/18)

Title: The Word Became Flesh

Text: (John 1:1-14)

John, brother of James, Sons of Thunder

Parents: Zebedee, bus partner of Peter & Andrew

Salome, Sister of Mary. (Jn 19:25)

Referred to as the Holiest of Holies. (Jn 17 hallowed)

4th Gospel, Last one written.

Matthew: Government official presents Jesus as King

Mark: The perfect Servant, Written for Roman readers

Luke: The Perfect Man, written for Greeks.

John: Son of God: Writes for the Entire World.

Matt, Mark, Luke: Referred to as the Synoptic Gospel

A Synopsis of His Earthly Life & Ministry.

Birth, Life, Experience, Teaching, Events.

John doesn't give us the history, or Earthly story,

John wrote from an Heavenly perspective.

90% of the Material presented is unique to John.

Majority the book is the week leading up to calvary.⁷

“I Am” Statements of Jesus, referring to Himself.

I Am the Bread of Life: (Jn 6:35)

I Am the Light of the World: (Jn 8:12)

I Am the Door of the Sheep: (Jn 10:7,9)

I Am the Good Shepherd: (Jn 10:11,14)

I Am the Resurrection & the Life: (Jn 11:25)

I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: (Jn 14:6)

I Am the True Vine: (Jn 15:1,5)

Key Words in John: Believe: 100 -

Life: 38 - Light: 24 - World: 80

Love: 22 - 80 times in all his writings

Written in the easies prose. Understandable to a Child,

Deep as the ocean & High as the Heavens.

Purpose of this book is found in... (John 20:30-31)

To Convince the Sinner of the True Person of Christ.

This is a Salvation Book; An Evangelist Book!

Theme of the Gospel of John is Jesus is God.

(Matt1:23) Call him Immanuel= God With Us!

(Lk 1:32,35)Called Son of the Most High, Son of God

The Eternal God, Himself, has become Human.

The Creator has come into His Creation to Save Sinners from the Sin, Death, Judgement, Eternal Hell.

This the Foundation of the Christian Faith.

To Be Saved, you Must Believe the Truth about Jesus.

Many Talk about Jesus, but can't define who He is?

Whom do YOU Say that I AM?

John's Message is, You have to be Right about Jesus.

Fully Go & Fully Man!

John demonstrates Jesus is Fully God in Human flesh by giving us 3 Truths about His Deity.

3 Truths that Demonstrate the Deity of Christ.

Jesus is Pre-Existent with God,

Jesus is Co-Existent with God,

Jesus is Self- Existent with God.

The Pre-Existent Christ: (Vs 1-5)

1 In the beginning...At the Start of that which is ***was the Word...***Already Existing b4 that which is.
(Gen 1:1) *“In the Beginning God”*

When the beginning began, the Word already Was!
(Col 1:17) *And he is before all things,..*

“Was” an Eternal Now! Before time/Outside of time
Continuously Existing before the Beginning Began.
(Ex 3:14) *I Am, that I Am.* (Eternal NOW!)
(John 8:58) *Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM.*

Time is a construct of Creation. Began with creation

He only speaks of Himself in the Present Continuous Tense b/c there never was a time when He didn't Exist

Word~Logos - Thoughts, Mind, Heart, Intensions

Our Thoughts of our Minds & the Intents of our
Hearts are expressed as Words.

Words Are build by Letters:

(Rev 1:7-8) *I am Alpha and Omega,* (Greek Letters)
the beginning (I AM God at the Beginning)
and the ending, (I AM God at the End of the creation)
saith the Lord, which is, (Ever-present Eternal NOW)
and which was, (Existed Before He “Became Flesh”)
and which is to come, the Almighty. (Returning)
(Rev 19:13) *his name is called The Word of God.*

Jesus-Logos reveals the Mind & Heart of God.

The Word is the Expression of God to People.
(Col 1:15a) *Who is the image of the invisible God,*
(Jn 14:9) *he that hath seen me hath seen the Father;*

The Pre-Existent Christ: (Vs 1a)

In the Beginning was the Word... Is also the,,

The Co-Existent Christ:

(Vs 1) ***and the Word was with God***/God was the Word
(Vs 2) ***The same was in the beginning with God.***

“The Same” - The Word: Jesus of Nazareth.

The Word, Distinct from God the Father.

God the Son, Co-Existing with God the Father.

Clear Reference to the Trinity:

(Gen 1:26) *“US/OUR”*

(Phil 2:6) *Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*

He knew He wasn't stealing any Glory from the
Father, but was equal in Glory with the Father.

(John 17:5) *And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.*

The Pre-Existent Christ: *“In the Beginning was the word”*

The Co-Existent Christ: *“and the Word was with God”*

The Self Existent Christ: ***“and the Word was God.”***

Jesus of Nazareth is Fully God & Fully Man

Referred to as The Hypostatic Union of Christ.

(Col 2:9) *For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.*

(Heb 1:3) *“Son” - Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power,...*

(Heb 1:8) *“But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.”*

Refers to the Son as God:

The JW, have purposely changed Jn 1:1 to ..
“The Word was A God”

To attack his deity is Blasphemy.

To Attack his humanity is Blasphemy.

Mormons believe that Jesus/Adam/Satan are spirit brother and thus are created beings.

God the Father was created by another god.

Thus you & I as created beings can become a god also

Only an honest Translation of the Received Text makes sense in a Trinitarian view.

(Heb 1:11-12) *The Eternality of God-Outside of Time Creation had a Beginning/End, but not God.*

(Ps 90:1-2) *Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. 2 B/4 the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth & the world even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.*

3 All things were made by him; Positive Declaration.

If HE created everything that is, then...

He is before the Creation.

He is apart from Creation.

He Exists without the Creation.

Created by the Word of God:

(Ps 33:6) *By the word of the LORD were the heavens made & all the host of them by the breath of his mouth*

(1 Cor 8:6) Jesus is the Agent of Creation.

and without him (The Word) ***was not any thing made that was made.*** Negative Declaration.

Not One Thing Exists that He didn't Create.

B/c Jesus predates Creation, He is not a created being.

Only the Eternal God is Uncreated.

Jesus Is God, Distinct from God, Agent of Creation.

Not Created, Not apart of Time, then He is Eternal.

4 “In him was life;” To Be Self Existent is to exist apart from support of something else.

No one gave Him life: - Life was ***IN*** Him!

He is the source of all Life!

God had to put HIS life in us Biologically. (Gen 2:7)
Gives Life to Single Cel beings, Virus, Bacteria,
To Complex beings- Plants, Animals, to Humans;
Biological Life!

Which man cannot recreate in the lab.

Supernatural Beings- Angels

Biological Life & Spiritual Life!

God has to put HIS Spiritual Life within us. (Eph 2:1)
Spiritual Life lasts ForEver.

He creates the Physical world that dies, and Eternal
beings that will never dies.

Jesus IS the Life: (John 14:6)

Jesus is the Fundamental Reality of all that exists.

(Acts 17:28) *For in him we live, and move, and have
our being;*

All That Exists, Exists b/c it has life from JESUS!

(Heb 1:3c) *upholding all things by the word of his
power.*

He gave life! He Sustains Life.

4b and the life was the light of men.

The Light is the Revelation of the Life from God!

Jesus is the Life Manifested, & the Life is the Light!

(John 8:12) *Then spake Jesus again unto them,
saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth
me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light
of life.*

(John 9:5) *As long as I am in the world, I am the light
of the world.*

Jesus is the Eternal Life Source, shining in the
darkness of this world.

***5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the
darkness comprehended it not.***

The light of Christ continually shines:

Mankind does not comprehend the light of God over
the immediate fulfilling of their Flesh.

Jesus is the Life, and Lights the Darkness.

(John 3:19-21)

The Darkness Cannot Overcome the Light!

Its not that the World doesn't want Eternity in
Heaven, they don't want to say no to their sin now.

The Unrecognized Christ: (Vs 9-11)

(Vs 9) ***That was the true Light, which lighteth every
man that cometh into the world.***

(Vs 7) It is Our Responsibility to Believe!

Men are not lost because they are ignorant of God.

Men are lost because they willingly chose to reject
God. (Rom 1:18-21)

God has revealed Himself to everyman, but they have
not apprehended it not.

(Vs 10) ***He was in the world, and the world was
made by him, and the world knew him not.***

“He” = God the Son - came to us!
“He” is the Creator -
The World chose not to know Him.

(Forced Conversion is not in the Bible)
(You cannot make your kids get saved)
(You cannot make your kids serve God)

(Vs 11) ***He came unto his own, and his own received him not.***

Those that knew OF Him.
Those that had the WRITTEN Word.
He came as a Jew, to the Jews.
Their willful rejection of the Christ is well
documented in the NT, Josephus, etc.

The Omnipotent Christ: (Vs 12-13)

(Vs 12) ***“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:”***

“BUT” - You don’t have to be like the majority.
“as many as received him,” The Choice is Ours!
***“to them gave he (The Word) power (Authority)
to become the sons of God,”***

Jesus is the only Begotten Son.
We are Son’s by Adoption.
(Vs 13) ***Which were born,*** (New Birth)
not of blood, (doesn’t matter who your parents were)
nor of the will of the flesh,
(Its not about wanting it Bad enough)
nor of the will of man,
(Its not about wanting it for someone else)

but of God. - God does the Saving.
(Titus 3:5-7) ***Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*** (God does the saving/birthing)

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

(Salvation is not something you do, it is something God does TO you, because of what He did FOR you)

7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

OUR PART of SALVATION!

(Vs 12b) ***even to them that believe on his name:***

We Now are Now Sons: (Rom 8:14-17)

(Rom 8:16) we have the Witness of the Holy Spirit.

(Rom 8:17) We are God’s Heirs.

We will inherit all things that Jesus will inherit.

The Glorious Christ: (Vs 14) ***And the Word was made 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.***

Word/Logos = is the Revelation of God to Mankind!
The Word is the Expression of God to People.
Jesus is the exact Representation of the Nature of God
No Greater Illustration, Representation, Manifestation
Demonstration of that then Jesus Christ.

Jesus is GOD Speaking to US!

Not An Impersonal Force but a Person
Not an Impersonal Reality, but a personal God who
came into the World in the Man Jesus.
Not a Concept of God, but a Person.
The Incarnation of God the Son, Son of God.
The Word was “MADE” flesh.
The Infinite Came as an Infant
The Invisible God became Visible.
The Eternal One enters Time.

He had to come as a human being so as to be our representative.

Our Representative Sacrifice:
Our Representative to Reconcile us to the Father.

As Our Representative HE could mediate both sides.

(1 Tim 2:5-6) *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.*

The Word (Jesus) Represented God to Man.
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“the only begotten of the Father”

The Only Son God ever Begot Physically.
Speaking for the Virgin Conception of Jesus in Mary.
All other “Sons of God” He created directly: Angels,
Adam, You and I through the New Birth.

“full of grace and truth.”

Twin Spiritual Nature of Jesus.
He is LOVE & HOLINESS.
He is Merciful & yet the Judge.
He is LongSuffering, Yet Unbending.

(Rom 10:17)

(John 8:24) *I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.*

Do You Believe that Jesus is God in Human Flesh?

If Not: You will die in your sins.
You will bear the full penalty of your Sins.