

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1.) vs 14 is the most **CONCISE** statement of the Incarnation in the Bible.
- 2.) "...*the Word became flesh*" - These four words begin a staggering thought and express the **REALITY** that God took on humanity. The Creator **ENTERED** His creation
- 3.) vs 14 That God actually became flesh not only affirms Jesus' full humanity, but confirms he **SUFFERED** as we **SUFFER** and knows all our pains and **TEMPTATIONS**.
- 4.) vs 14 Jesus manifested God's glory w/clarity never before seen. The phrase "...*only begotten from the Father*" – is not suggesting there was a time when the Son was not and then was brought into being. The term does not refer to origin, rather, it means **UNIQUE**, the only one of his kind.
- 5.) The statement "full of grace and truth" – Represents two of the most significant declarations of our faith:
- Jesus is the full expression of **GOD'S GRACE**
 - Jesus is the full expression of **GOD'S TRUTH**
- 6.) vs 16 The phrase "...*grace upon grace*" means God provides for all His people's needs. An **ABUNDANT** supply which is never exhausted; grace in a limitless, never-ending flow.
- 7.) vs 17 The phrase "...grace and truth were **REALIZED**"-means it came into full realization, or came into **BEING** with Jesus arrival.
- 8.) vs 18 ends with the very intimate expression "...*who is in the bosom of the Father*" – and expresses Christ's **BOND** and **ONENESS** in relationship with God the Father.
- 9.) That Jesus has "*explained Him*", means Jesus **INTERPRETS** God the Father for us. He is the answer to the question- "What is God like?"

Greek Words used today

Sarx (flesh) - man's physical being; *flesh* (strictly) the *meat* of a biological being (by extension) the *body*:- as opposed to the soul [or spirit]

Skenoo; skay-no'-o [literal] "to live in a tent" to *tent* or *encamp*, to *reside* (as God did in the Tabernacle):- dwell

Monogenês (mon-og-en-ace') **only begotten** does not imply Jesus was created; [term **does not refer to origin**] rather: means unique, the only one of his kind

Ginomai: - to *cause to be* ("*gen*"-erate), to *become* (*come into being*) :- arise, be assembled

Exegesis- "to explain, to unfold, to lead the way"

For the week ahead:

"*The Word was made flesh*"; God became man. It's here that the profoundest and most unfathomable depths of the Christian revelation lie

It's from mis-belief/inadequate belief, about the incarnation that difficulties at other points in the gospel story usually spring. But once the incarnation is grasped as a reality, these other difficulties dissolve.

How does the reality of the Truths you've heard today change or help your perspective of God? Have you gained further insight into the image or "portrait" of God?

How can you apply the principles of these truths this week?

How might these issues be carried into your prayer life?
