

Word Became Flesh

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: John 1:14.

B. Christianity has survived and is unique because Christianity has brought God closer to man instead of man trying to get closer to God. The incarnation of Jesus makes a real difference.

II. It was necessary for the Word to become flesh. Life is the only medium universal to all human life. The Life of the God man Jesus Christ was necessary to spread the truth to the whole world.

A. Nature was not enough to communicate God perfectly.

B. Prophets and teachers are imperfect mediums as well.

C. A book is impersonal.

D. We can look into the face of Jesus and see God. This is how we can understand God.

E. Principles are powerless without a person.

F. Philosophy cannot perfectly reveal God. (Colossians 2:8)

G. Moralism cannot perfectly reveal God.

H. Intellectual pursuit of God cannot reveal God.

III. Implications for us.

A. Those we rub shoulders with have no excuse. If we are the incarnation of Jesus, they can come to understand life.

B. Love is revealed in the cross of Jesus.

C. Life is precious.

D. We have a fixed point of reference for God. (2 Corinthians 6:3; Psalm 69:6)

E. There should be no divisions in the various parts of the body. (1 Corinthians 12:25)

F. Our lives should be discernibly different.

Application questions:

1. Why was the incarnation necessary?

2. What are the practical implications of the incarnation in our lives?

3. What ways have you pursued God apart from Jesus in the flesh? How can you clean up your thinking and practice regarding the pursuit of God? Explain.
