May 29, 2022 The Gospel of John The Incarnation of Jesus John 1:14-18

In the first 18 verses, John outlines the topics he will develop throughout the rest of his gospel. He begins with the eternality and deity of Jesus Christ. Next, John tells us Jesus is creator, life, and light. Then in verse 14, John makes an extraordinary statement, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Jesus Christ, the eternal coexistent God, will step out of eternity and take on human flesh to live and interact with His creation.

Additional Verses:

Exodus 25:8, 29:43, 33:12-23 Matthew 1:23, 27:51 Romans 8:3-5 Philippians 2:5-8 Hebrews 1:1-2, 2:14-18, 4:14-16, 10:1

Outline:

1. The incarnation of Jesus proves His humanity.

2. The incarnation of Jesus displays His sympathy.

3. The incarnation of Jesus unveils God's glory.

4. The incarnation of Jesus reveals the Father.

Study Questions:

1. Why is it important that Jesus became flesh? How is the humanity of Jesus vital to our salvation?

2. How does Jesus' sympathy encourage you? What is an area of your life where Jesus' sympathy has provided the help you need to overcome temptation?

3. What is important about the phrase "grace instead of grace?" How does the New Covenant reveal God's grace to us?

4. How does God reveal Himself through Jesus? What does this tell us about the finality of God's revelation? (See Hebrews 1:1-4)

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?