

The Word Became Flesh

John 1:1-18

Key Verse: 1:14

1. Read verses 1-3. What do these verses teach us about the Word? What does it mean that the pronoun “He” is used? Who is the Word? (v14) Why does the author call Jesus the “Word”? What is his relationship to creation? (v3, Gen 1, Col 1:15-17)
2. Read verses 4-5. Who is the source of life? To whom does life belong? What does God’s life do for men? What is the darkness about which he speaks? What happens when the light of God shines into the darkness? (5, and footnote)
3. Read verses 6-8. Who was the witness? Who sent him? What was his testimony about himself and about Jesus? What was the purpose of his testimony? Why do we need a witness to help us to believe? Read verses 9-11. Why does he call Jesus the true light? How did the world respond to the true light? Why this negative response?
4. Read verses 12-14. What right is given to those who receive Jesus? By whose action are we born again into God’s family? How can we receive Jesus? What does it mean that the Word became flesh? What did it cost him to come and live among men? Why did he do it? Why do you think the writer changes the view point to “us” and “we”? How did they see his glory? How can we?
6. Read verses 15-17. Why does what John the Baptist say about Jesus sound like a riddle? How is John’s testimony related to verse 1? What does this teach us about Jesus? What blessing have you received from the fullness of his grace? Read the verses which talk about Jesus’ grace (14, 16, 17) What is “grace”? (Eph 2:8) What did God give through Moses and why is it a blessing? What came through Jesus Christ? How are these blessings related / different?
7. Read the verses that refer to his truth (14, 17; Jn 8:31-32; 14:6; 18:37). What is truth? What is the truth that Jesus reveals? Read verse 18. How can we see and know God? Why is Jesus the only one who is qualified to make God known? How has he made him known? (v18; Jn 14:8-9)