

sermon notes

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December 29, 2024 | “God Enfleshed (Part 3)” | **John 1:14–18**

Why did Jesus Come to this World?

- 1) Jesus came to _____
(1:14–15)

- 2) Jesus came to _____
(1:16–17)

- 3) Jesus came to _____
(1:18)

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

What is the doctrine of the incarnation? Why does John MacArthur say that this is the most essential doctrine in the Christian faith? What would be our status before God if Jesus had never come in human flesh?

How could John the Baptist say, “He who comes after me ranks before me” (1:15)? How did Jesus come after John? How does Jesus rank before him? What was John the Baptist’s opinion of Jesus? What was Jesus’s opinion of John?

John says, “from his fullness, we have all received, grace upon grace” (1:16). How have we received grace from his fullness? What does “grace upon grace” mean?

How is the relationship between God the Father and God the Son described in John 1:18? What does it mean that Jesus is at the Father’s side (i.e. “in the bosom of the Father”)? How does God the Son make God the Father known?

GET PERSONAL

How is Jesus “full of grace and truth” (1:14)? What is truth without grace like? What is grace without truth like? How did Jesus balance these? Are you a good balance of grace and truth towards others in your life? If not, which way do you lean?

John says that no one has ever seen God (1:18). Is that true? Have you ever seen God? If you haven’t, then how can you know God? How has God revealed himself? How can you know God, and how can you grow in that knowledge of him? What kind of knowledge of God will you have in the future? Will it be a better knowledge than you have now?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Was the law that was “given through Moses” (1:17) a good thing or a bad thing (or both)? Was there any “grace” in the OT era? Is there any “law” in the NT era? What was Paul’s perspective on the law? What was David’s perspective on the law (see especially Psalm 119)? How do we harmonize these passages?