



#3 God in the Flesh

John 1: 1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

John 1: 9 *The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

- John starts his account **BEFORE** the beginning! (v. 1)
- The Word is more than a **BOOK** (v. 1)
- It was a Word sent to reveal the very **MIND** of **GOD** to the world (v. 1)
- The Word is not *just* an idea, but **A PERSON** (v. 1b)
- **LIGHT** vs. **DARKNESS** (v. 4-5)
- We can be **ROYALTY** – children of the Creator of the Universe (v. 12)
- Jesus came to earth, to dwell *with* **MAN** as a **MAN** (v. 14)

Our Response:

1. **BELIEVE**
2. **BE AMAZED**
3. **WORSHIP** with **JOY**.

Isaiah 53: 1 *Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

This prophecy was written 700 years before Jesus came to earth.

- The Messiah would be like a **SHOOT** (Isaiah 11:1)
- He had no earthly **THRONE** (v. 2)
- Jesus as a man was **OBSCURE** and **ORDINARY** (v. 2)
- “He was **DESPISED** and **REJECTED** by men.” (v. 3a)
- Jesus knows all about **PAIN** (v. 3)
- The truth of His message was **UNCOMFORTABLE** (v. 4)
- Jesus suffered to bring healing to **US** (v. 4)
- What does this have to do with Christmas? **EVERYTHING!**
- Without the **CROSS**, the **MANGER** means nothing!

Our Response:

1. **REMEMBER**
2. **REFLECT**
3. **REPENT**