

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

February 26, 2017

John 1:14-18

READ

● John 1:1-18 ● Philippians 2:5-11 ● Hebrews 2:14-18 ● Revelation 19:11-16

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Take note of some of the ways God revealed or manifested Himself to man in the Old Testament:

- Genesis 15:1
- Genesis 15:17
- Genesis 18:1-2
- Genesis 28:12-13
- Genesis 32:24-30
- Exodus 3:1-6
- Exodus 33:9-11
- Judges 13:21-23
- Daniel 3:25

Why did God reveal Himself in such ways? What was His purpose?

2. What does the word “incarnation” mean? How is this different than the above examples?

3. Read Philippians 2:5-11. How is Christ Jesus described before the incarnation (verse 6)? How is He identified with men since the incarnation (vv. 7-8)? What two actions brought about the incarnation (verse 7)? If “in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form” (Colossians 2:9), of what, or how, did He empty Himself (Philippians 2:7)?

4. Read Hebrews 2:14-18 & 4:14-18. Meditate upon, and discuss, the purposes of the incarnation from *our* perspective. Why did Jesus empty Himself? Why the incarnation? Why did He do it?

5. That the Word “dwelt among us” (verse 14) presents a picture of pitching a tent. Meditate on the tabernacle of the Old Testament. (What was in it? What was its purpose?) Discuss some ways that the tabernacle foreshadowed the coming of the Christ (the incarnation).

6. The term “only begotten” (vv. 14 & 18) is literally “one of a kind.” Discuss some ways that Jesus Christ is unique or set apart from all other ways & means to God.

7. We defined “His glory” as the sum of all God’s attributes. What does Hebrews 1:3 say about this? If Moses could not look upon the glory of God and live (Exodus 33:18-23), how can we see “His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth” (verse 14)?

8. Read verse 16. Of what does His fullness, received by us, consist? How does God’s provision of manna parallel His provision of grace (Exodus 16:13-18)?

9. How, or why, did Jesus Christ come to explain the Father (verse 18)?

10. What is exceptional about the description of the Word of God in Revelation 19:11-16?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will draw near to the throne of grace in confidence by . . .