

The Word Became Flesh

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John 1:14 (ESV)

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us!

Hook – This is something every Christian must know.

The OT closes, then Jesus breaks onto the scene to turn the world upside down as presented in the four NT gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The differences in the gospels are attributed to who wrote them and to whom they were written. I passionately hold to the inspiration of Scripture. However, God uses human vessels for HIS divine purpose without losing the essence of HIS inspiration.

Matthew – Written to the Jews confirming the OT proclamations. Therefore we see more references to the OT. We see the terms “It is written” and “Fulfilled” more often in Matthew.

Mark – The shortest Gospel written to the Romans. Often it will explain Jewish customs and terms because the reader would be unfamiliar with them. Also he uses some Latinisms and Latin words. The prominent word that stands out is “immediately”. Therefore it communicates power and urgency.

Luke – The longest gospel written to a growing Gentile constituency. It is specifically to a Greek name Theophilus. The word that stands out is “investigate”.

Luke also wrote the book of Acts recording the growth of the church. In Acts 16:10, Luke starts using the word “we” indicating he actually joined the apostle Paul in his ministry.

John – Written later than the other three gospels. John is more theological and cosmopolitan.

This brings us to our opening verse and the answer to all the world’s problems. Since John is more theological, let us go theological.

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We know who came into the world. It was Jesus. Therefore “The Word” clearly is a reference to Jesus. Since know Jesus is the Word, we may use it in verse one.

Look #1 Jesus is God!

John 1:1–2 (ESV)

In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word (Jesus) was with God, and the Word (Jesus) was God.

² He was in the beginning with God.

The rhetorical question, “Who is Jesus?” Seeing Jesus as God, we see what God intended.

Look#2 Jesus is Creator!

John 1:3 (ESV)

All things were made through him (Jesus), and without him (Jesus) was not any thing made that was made.

Jesus is the substance of all things. Therefore he is over and controls all things are HIS.

Colossians 1:17 (ESV)

And he (Jesus) is before all things, and in him (Jesus) all things hold together.

Now we see Jesus' specific ministry to mankind. We see HIS purpose.

Look #3 Jesus, God, Creator holding all things together came to earth as light and life to mankind. He came so we can see and live.

John 1:4 (ESV)

In him (Jesus) was life, and the life (Jesus) was the light of men.

Now let us see the specific work of Jesus in this world.

John 1:5 (ESV)

The light (Jesus) shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it (Jesus).

How do we get answers in this world and its problems? We have great institutions of learning, brilliant men and women discussing every issue: social, military, environmental, health, on and on and on. We have thousands upon thousands of books written. Yet, we have these terror, shootings, racial issues, BCC loan, personal issues. With this God says, "Jesus is the answer!" Therefore without Jesus there are not any answers!

Took – The only answer to your problems and the world problems is Jesus. If we don't start there it is hopeless. This includes the BCC Loan!

That is the reason in the book of John it says.

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son (Jesus), that whoever believes in him (Jesus) should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:17 (ESV)

For God did not send his Son (Jesus) into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him (Jesus).

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future!