

# **"THE WORD BECAME FLESH"**

## **JOHN 1:14-18**

### **I. SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF THE INCARNATION (1:14a)**

#### **A. The Preincarnate Word Was Made Flesh At A Point In Time**

1. This Must Be Interpreted In Terms Of Full Humanity
  - a. A Literal Conception In A Literal Womb
  - b. Of The Seed Of David
2. This Was Vehemently Debated The First Four Centuries Of Church History
  - a. He Did Not Cease To Be God For That Period Of Time
  - b. He Did Not Just Merely Show Up As The "Embodiment" Of God
  - c. He Did Not Become Two Persons
  - d. He Did Not Become A Mixture Of Two Different Natures

#### **B. The Doctrine Of The Incarnation Includes The Preincarnate Word's Tabernacling Among Men**

1. John Is Emphasizing the Temporary Nature Of The Mission With Respect To The Lord's First Coming
  - a. That Does Not Mean That He Discarded His Humanity
  - b. There Is Today A God / Man In The Glory
2. John Is Emphasizing That Belief In The Full Humanity Of The Word Is Just As Important To Orthodoxy As Belief In His Full Deity

### **II. EVIDENCE THAT THIS INCARNATIONAL THEOLOGY IS TRUE (1:14b-17)**

- A. John The Apostle, Along With The Other Apostles, Beheld This Phenomenon With Their Own Eyes (1:14b)
  - 1. It Was Over An Extended Period Of Time That This Observation Took Place
  - 2. It Was An Observation Of The Only Unique One Of His Kind
- B. John The Forerunner Bore Witness To The Fact That Christ Did Indeed Come After Him In the Flesh [Though Christ Was Really Before Him] (1:15)
- C. Our Own Experience Of Christ Bears Witness To The Incarnation (1:16-17)
  - 1. We've Received Some Wonderful Things (1:16)
  - 2. We've Experienced The Fulfillment Of An O.T. Promise (1:17)

**III. THROUGH THE INCARNATION, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST HAS REVEALED THE FATHER TO US (1:18)**

- A. Prior To The Incarnation, There Was A Certain Experience That No Man Could Have Ever Have Claimed To Have Had
- B. But As A Result Of The Incarnation, Christ Has Fully "Exegeted" The Father.