

Glory to God in the Highest: Jesus Christ Full of Grace and Truth

Text: John 1:14

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I. The truth pronounced: Jesus became human flesh (John 1:14a)

Why did Jesus come?

Jesus came for us. He came to be the answer to man's questions. He came to fulfill God's plans. He came to be our lifeblood. He came to save us.

Jesus Christ stooped to the level of man so that man could again have a relationship with God. Only Jesus Christ could do this. We stand in awe of this. He that was humble is worthy to be greatly esteemed.

II. The truth announced: Jesus dwelt among mankind (John 1:14b)

He dwelt among us. The word *dwelt* (*skenoo*) means *to live, to take up residence, to pitch a tent, to come to reside, to tabernacle*.

God's desire was for His Son to live among His people. Why? So, He could demonstrate the very nature of God to mankind.

Jesus Christ did not arbitrarily come to a random location for some eccentric reason or to fulfil a foolish task. Jesus Christ came so that God would be glorified, His mission would be completed, and mankind would be redeemed.

III. The truth declared: the Glory of God came to the world (John 1:14c)

Just as the divine presence of God had dwelt in the tabernacle and later in the Temple, now the divine presence of God came to dwell in the Man Jesus here on this earth.

Grace is goodwill freely disseminated by God to us despite our sinful lives. This is God's love for us. Here we have proof that Jesus' life and character was bound by the same grace. Every action that Jesus Christ exhibited on this earth was characterized by this grace. Every healing, every miraculous raising, every demon removal, every action done was characterized by grace. You want examples of goodwill toward men? Read the gospel of John. How about truth? Every word Jesus spoke was truth.

Conclusion

This is the Christmas story's bottom line. The Word was made flesh. The eternal *Logos*, who is God, came to earth as mankind. But, He didn't just look like a man. No, He became one.

Only the God-man, who in becoming human flesh, thus joined Himself to Adam's sinful race. He was fully God with all the attributes of God as well as every character and attribute of human nature except sinfulness. He continues to live forever as the God-man (Acts 1:11; Rev. 5:6).