

God Incarnate!

John 1:1-14 (text v. 14).

You will not find a more concise and profound statement of Christ's deity or incarnation than what we read in our text. It could not be clearer—Jesus Christ is God in the flesh.

Jesus is called _____ He is given this title also in 1 John 5:7—

- **He is the FIRST Word** (John 1:1, 14).
- **He is the FINAL Word** (Rev. 19:13-15). Men are awaiting another word, but there will be no other Word. Jesus has the last word.

➡ A word is composed of letters—Jesus Christ is
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1. Words are a means of COMMUNICATION—Words transmit information.

- The title _____ shows God has something to say! God wants to communicate with us (Heb. 1:1-3).
- The main difference between our God and false gods is **our God speaks**, whereas the gods of the world are mute.

Ben Bernanke, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, can speak and create dramatic swings in our economy. World leaders can speak and bring about international war. But when God speaks worlds have been created (Gen. 1)!

2. Words are a means of MANIFESTATION. The thoughts in my mind are hidden from everyone else. But if I put a thought into words, that thought is manifested. Words reveal my thoughts and desires.

- From the very beginning God has had a plan of redemption, but if He never spoke, it would never be known.

3. Words are means of REVELATION. Your words reveal your character... your education... your nationality... and, your heart's condition (Mt. 12:34).

- As our words reveal our hearts and minds, so Jesus Christ is the Word that reveals God's heart and mind to us (v. 18).

I. **God CAME TO us** (v. 11—).

- The Creator of all things came down from heaven to where we are. We could not go to where He was, so He came to us.
 - A. He came willingly. He was not forced to leave heaven.
 - B. He came knowing He would be rejected (v. 12).
 - C. He came to Bethlehem knowing the road would lead to Calvary where He would be crucified at the hands of wicked men. He said to His disciples, "
(John 12:27).

➤ What if He had not come?

- There would be no New Testament.
- The Old Testament would be incomplete.
- We would be without a Savior
- We would not be indwelt by the Holy Spirit.
- There would be no church
- We would still be lost and in our sins.

II. **God BECAME LIKE us** (v. 14— ").

➤ Hebrews 2:14— “

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- By the virgin birth He became what He never was before, while at the same time remaining all that He has ever been! He is wholly man and wholly God all at once in one body of flesh!
 - He was made a man in all parts, but
 - He was never the sharer of man's sins—but He became the bearer of man's sins on the cross!
- A. He became like us to SAVE us.

to redeem them that were under the law..." (Gal. 4:4,5).

Paul wrote, (1
Tim. 1:15).

1. God is spirit, therefore He could not die. He had to become flesh to die for man's sins and suffer in man's place.
2. Hebrews 2:9—
for the suffering of death
3. He

(Phil. 2:7-8).

B. He became like us to SYMPATHIZE with us.

- Hebrews 2:17— *to be made like unto his brethren*
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1. He came not to judge us or condemn us, but to give His life a ransom to redeem us.
2. He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.

- Hebrews 4:15—

➡ This is the kind of priest we need—

1. One who has walked a mile in our shoes...
2. One who has experienced what we have experienced...
3. One who has faced every trial and temptation we will ever have to deal with!
4. One who knows what it is like to hurt and feel pain...
hunger/thirst... loneliness... weariness/sleep... weep tears.

C. He became like us to SIT upon David's throne.

- ➡ Jesus was promised to sit upon the throne of David (2 Sam. 7; Luke 1:32). He could not sit on David's throne unless He was made of the seed of David. Romans 1:3—

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D. He became like us to SATISFY the law. He did what we could not do in our flesh.

➔ Romans 8:3—

in the likeness of sinful flesh :

1. We were condemned by the law because we could not measure up to it.
2. The only way God could not condemn us was to incarnate Himself in human flesh, fulfill the demands of the law, and take our condemnation.
3. The "law of double jeopardy" states that a man cannot be condemned twice for the same crime. Since Christ took your condemnation and you are "in Christ," God cannot condemn you.

III. God REVEALED His glory to us (“ ”).

(Ps. 19:1). A few nights ago I was in my backyard waiting for my dogs to do “their business.” As I stood there I looked up at the starry sky and was awed by the marvel of God’s handiwork! What an awesome display of the glory of God.

While that is nothing compared to the glory that was displayed when the Creator of the stars came to the earth to live among us as a man and die for our sins on a cross! So we can sing with the angels on the morning of His birth,
(Luke 2:14).

A. The **BLENDING** of His attributes

- ➔ Artists tell us beauty is made up of **curved lines** (symbols of the feminine), and **straight lines** (symbols of the masculine). The curved represents the **concept of grace**, while the straight denotes the **idea of truth**. Thus grace and truth won-

derfully combine in one glorious personality of the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace brought Him to Bethlehem. Truth lead Him to Calvary.

- Grace speaks of devotion—truth speaks of doctrine.
- Grace speaks of warmth—truth speaks of wisdom.
- Grace speaks of salvation from sin—truth speaks of the condemnation of sin.
- Truth indicts the sinner—grace invites the sinner.

B. The **BALANCE** of His attributes.

1. No one spoke as graciously as Christ—yet no one denounced sin more strongly than Christ.
2. No one had more compassion than Jesus—yet no one rebuked hypocrisy more fervently than He did.

➡ We see the curved lines of grace as He looked into the face of the crushed and broken woman of the street, and said, (John 8:11). Then we see the straight lines of justice, righteousness, and truth, as He challenges her accusers,

(John 8:7, 9).

➡ We need both in our life.

SUMMATION: A spoken word always needs a response. God has spoken by His Son and in the Scriptures. How will you respond? Will you receive Him (v. 12)?

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