

Personal/ Small Group Sermon Study

Christmas: The Word Became Flesh

Week of December 26, 2021 A.D.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. This is the miracle and the gift of love which we celebrate at Christmas.

Read Isaiah 55:10-11 and Psalm 33:6, 9 and James 3:5-8

1. Do the words of God have power? Do the words of people have power? Please explain your answers.

Read John 1:1-5

2. In your opinion, why does the apostle John refer to Jesus as “the Word”? Is “the Word” a good synonym for Jesus?
3. Is there life of any kind anywhere on earth which has not been created by Jesus and which is not sustained by Jesus? Please explain.
4. Read Isaiah 9:2,6 and John 1:4-5. Please explain the meaning of the word “darkness” as it is used in these verses. Please explain why it is appropriate to call Jesus “the light of the world”.
5. What is the historical importance of (a) the birth of Christ, (b) the death of Christ, and (c) the physical bodily resurrection of Christ? Please explain each answer.

Read John 1:10-13

6. What does John mean when he says that “the world did not recognize” Jesus? Does the world today “recognize Jesus”? Please explain your answers.

7. When you look at the ways in which we celebrate the Christmas season, in your opinion, would the apostle John state that the American culture “recognizes Jesus”? Please explain.

8. The essential meaning of the verses at John 1:12-13 is that a person can enjoy the gift of eternal life and be spared from eternal damnation by “believing in the name of Jesus.” This is no small thing; and, it is a truth which every Christian must be able to explain to their non-believing friends. So, what does it mean to “believe in the name of Jesus” for eternal life? Please explain your answer.

Read John 1:12-13

9. Using your knowledge of what it means to be a child, and using your knowledge of the teachings of the Bible, what (if any) are the common behavior patterns which you might expect to see in the life of a person who has “become a child of God”? Please explain each detail of your answer.

Read John 14:1-4

10. If Jesus were not coming back again for his children (the church), would the first coming of Jesus have any meaning for our lives? Please explain.

11. For you personally, which is of more importance in the celebration of Christmas: (a) the birth of Jesus, (b) the death of Jesus, (c) the physical, bodily resurrection of Jesus, or (d) the second coming of Jesus? Please explain your answer.

12. Do you know any person (i.e. friend, relative, neighbor, etc.) who does not have eternal life through faith in Christ? Do you care for that person? Are you going to tell them about Jesus during the Christmas season? If they live in your community, are you going to invite them to attend a church service with you during the Christmas season? If your answer is “no”, what are you telling Jesus right now?

Consider: Christmas is not about gifts and parties. Christmas is telling others about the love of God, Jesus, heaven, eternal life, hell, and eternal damnation. “You think about that.” Amen.