

Believe

JOHN

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God Came In The Flesh

Bible Reading: John 1:1-18

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I. The Structure of John's Prologue (Jn. 1:1-18)

- A. Against the background of creation (Gen. 1:1-28; Jn. 1:1-13)
- B. Against the background of Exodus (Exo. 25:8; Jn. 1:14-18)
- C. 'Inclusio'

II. Light Came To Dispel Darkness & Give Life (Jn. 1:4-5, 9, 10-13; Gen. 1:3-4)

- A. Light came, shined in the darkness and brought order (Gen. 1:3-4)
- B. Jesus, the true Light, came & shined in the darkness (Jn. 1:4-5, 9)
- C. Responding to Jesus gives us new life/birth (Jn. 1:10-13)
 - 1. No one recognized the light at first (v. 10)
 - 2. Many rejected the light
 - 3. But some received/believed in the light (vv. 12-13)
 - a) These are children of God
 - b) Not due to heritage, ethnicity or effort
 - c) But born of God

III. God Came To Dwell Among Us & Give Us Life (Jn. 1:14-17; Exo. 25:8-9)

- A. God dwelt among his people previously in the Tabernacle (Exo. 25:8)
- B. God dwelt among Israel & the disciples in Jesus (Jn. 1:14)
 - 1. The incarnation is of equal importance with creation

- 2. Full of glory (Exo. 40:34-35)
- 3. Full of grace
- 4. Full of truth
- C. Responding to Jesus (Jn. 1:16-17)
 - 1. Receive God's grace again and again
 - 2. Through Jesus

IV. John's Invitation (Jn. 1:18; 1 Jn. 1:1-3)

- A. The transcendent God wants to be known
- B. Jesus reveals him whom no human eye has seen
- C. John invites us to continue to discover Jesus as we keep reading