

2020 ADVENT

Discussion Guide
December 27, 2020

“The Word Became Flesh”

John 1:1-18 - ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

Sermon Outline

- I. The Name of the Word Who Became Flesh is Jesus Christ
- II. The Word Existed as God before He was Born
- III. The Word Created Everything
- IV. The Word Has Life in Himself
- V. The Word’s Life is the Light of Men
- VI. Two Responses to His Arrival

Matt 1:20-21 – *An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins”.*

Isaiah 9:6 – *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,*

Philippians 2:6-7 – *Who though he existed in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself by taking on the form of a servant being born in the likeness of men.*

Psalms 33:6 – *By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.*

Colossians 1:16-17 – ¹⁶*For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

Hebrews 1:2 – *but in these last days he has spoken to*

Discussion Questions

1. Who is the "Word" in John 1? Does John tell us specifically who he is speaking about with his use of the "Word"?
2. Why would John choose to use the word "Word" in reference to Jesus? In what way(s) is Jesus the Word of God?
3. What was Jesus' role in creation?
4. What does John mean when he says "in him was life" in verse 4?
5. In what way(s) is Jesus the "light of men"?

NOTES

O	C	G	Y	D	Y	G	N	K	B	F	K	
U	W	A	L	D	A	R	K	N	E	S	S	
V	J	I	M	I	A	A	L	I	G	H	T	
A	O	A	T	E	F	C	T	G	I	I	H	
T	H	V	B	N	R	E	U	L	N	N	I	
R	N	F	E	V	E	R	Y	O	N	E	N	
U	A	A	L	R	D	S	U	R	I	S	G	
E	M	T	I	E	C	O	S	Y	N	U	F	
O	E	H	E	M	S	O	T	M	G	S	U	
N	M	E	V	N	H	H	M	A	D	E	L	
L	C	R	E	C	E	I	V	E	D	N	L	
Y	M	E	G	B	G	I	V	E	S	T	U	
L	S	R	T	R	U	T	H	W	O	R	D	
BEAR	BEGINNING	BELIEVE										
CAME	COMES	DARKNESS										
EVERYONE	FATHER	FLESH										
FULL	GIVES	GLORY										
GRACE	JOHN	LIFE										
LIGHT	MADE	NAME										
ONLY	OVERCOME	RECEIVE										
SEEN	SENT	SHINES										
THERE	THING	TRUE										
TRUTH	WITNESS	WORD										

Hebrews 1:2 – but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

John 5:21 – "For as the Father raises the dead and given them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will."

1 John 1:1-2 – "concerning the word of life- the life was made manifest, and we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us."

1 John 5:11 – And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

John 8:12 – "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 9:5 – "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world". He then healed a blind man.

The Alliance Bible Church is here to celebrate life and love in Jesus Christ, to intercede for others according to God's will, ground people in the Word of God, help others in joyful service, and teach others to know and to serve Him.