

**Sunday, December 28, 2025**  
**Battleground's CCLI: 11403295    CLSL: CSPL142794**

## **The Word Became Flesh** **John 1:14-18**

Main Idea: The eternal sovereign Creator and divine Son of God became human and abided with us to reveal God's glory to us in all its fullness, bringing us to God.

### **Introduction**

- Our Christmas theology - **1 Timothy 3:16**

*"The Central Miracle asserted by Christians is the Incarnation.... Every other miracle prepares for this, or exhibits this, or results from this.... The fitness, and therefore credibility, of the particular miracles depends on their relation to the Grand Miracle; all discussion of them in isolation from it is futile."*

- C.S. Lewis

### **The Word Became Flesh - (v. 14)**

- The Word "became" one of us - **Philippians 2:5-11; 1 John 1:1-4**
- But Why?
  - Jesus was incarnated to die - **1 John 3:8**
  - Jesus was incarnated to sympathize with humanity - **Hebrews 4:15**
  - Jesus was incarnated to show us how to live as children of God  
- **2 Corinthians 8:9**

### **The Word Tabernacled With Us - (v. 14)**

- A Person NOT a place
  - A better temple prophesied - **Malachi 3:1; Haggai 2:9**
  - A better temple fulfilled - **Matthew 12:6**
  - A new Heaven and Earth with one temple - **Revelation 21:22-27**
- A Person in whom we abide
  - The OT tabernacle was about God abiding with His people  
- **Exodus 25:8-9; 29:45-46**
  - The Incarnation brought God with us - **Matthew 1:23**
- A Glory to behold
  - Moses longed to God's glory - **Exodus 33:18-23**
  - Jesus is the glory of God - **2 Corinthians 4:6**

## **The Word Explains God's Gospel - (vv. 16-18)**

- The incarnation explains the gospel
- The Law and grace - **Romans 7:12-13; Galatians 4:4-5**

## **So What?**

- How are you beholding His glory?
  - **Philippians 2:1-12-13**
- How can I live an incarnational life?
  - **2 Thessalonians 2:8**