

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

John 1:14-18

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read John 1:14-18.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh,
and dwelt among us,
and we saw His glory,
glory as of the only begotten from the Father,
full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ John *testified about Him and cried out, saying,
“This was He of whom I said,
‘He who comes after me has a higher rank than I,
for He existed before me.’”

¹⁶ For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

¹⁷ For the Law was given through Moses;
grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time;
the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

1. What have we learned so far in John’s prologue about the Word?

2. What two things does the Word do in verse 14?

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3. What is significant about the Word “becoming flesh” in light of what John has already said about Him?

4. What is significant about the Word “dwelling with us” in light of what John has already said about Him?

5. What is significant about the Word “dwelling with us” in light of the flow of redemptive history? (Hint: the word for “dwelt” is also the biblical term for “tabernacle.” Cf. Ex. 25:8-9, 2 Chron. 6:18-21, Rev. 7:15, 21:3)

6. What happens in verse 14 after the Word became flesh and dwelt among mankind?

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❖ Day 2

Read John 1:14-18 again.

7. How does John describe the glory of the Word? What does this add to our understanding of the Word up to this point in John's gospel?
8. What is significant about us seeing the Son's glory, full of grace and truth, in light of the flow of redemptive history? (Cf. Ex. 33:18-23, 34:5-7)
9. John the Baptist appears in verse 15. What has John the Apostle already told us about John the Baptist in verses 6-8?
10. What does John the Baptist do in verse 15? In what ways does the verse say that he does this?
11. According to verse 15, why does John say that "He who comes after me has a higher rank than I"? What point is John making (cf. John 8:56-59)?

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12. What reason does John the Apostle give in verse 16 to back up John the Baptist's testimony in verse 15 (cf. verse 14)?

❖ Day 3

Read John 1:14-18 again.

13. Note the "for" that connects verses 16 and 17. How, in verse 17, did John and others receive such "grace upon grace?" What two "graces" does he refer to, and how does one compare to the other? (Cf. John 1:45, Matt. 5:17)
14. What does verse 17 add to our understanding of the Word up to this point in John's gospel? What juxtaposition is he making?
15. What second means does John describe in verse 18 to show how he and others receive fullness of grace? What is the significance of this in light of redemptive history? (Cf. Ex. 33:20, Rev. 22:4)

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16. What is highlighted about the only begotten God in verse 18? What is the significance of this detail in providing the grounds for how the Son can explain the Father? (cf. John 8:46, Matt. 11:27)
17. What in verse 18 adds to our understanding of the Word up to this point in John's gospel? What do we learn about the Word across this entire prologue (verses 1-18)?
18. How should this passage shape your view of and response to who Jesus is?
19. How would you summarize the point of this passage in 21 words or less?

In preparation for Sunday, pray in adoration of who Jesus is based on this passage. Pray in gratitude for Christ's incarnation, and pray that He would reveal the Father to us through His Word in our gathering together in His Name.