

Jesus

The Word Made Flesh

Helping teenagers understand the significance of Jesus Christ as the Word made flesh, and to encourage them to have a personal relationship with Him.

John 1:1-14



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Objective: To help teenagers understand the significance of Jesus Christ as the Word made flesh, and to encourage them to have a personal relationship with Him.

Scripture: John 1:1-14

Introduction:

Welcome everyone to this Bible study. Today, we will be exploring one of the most significant and powerful passages in the Bible - John 1:1-14. In these verses, we learn about the true identity of Jesus Christ, who is the Word made flesh. Through this study, we hope to gain a deeper understanding of Jesus Christ and to be encouraged to develop a personal relationship with Him.

Discussion:

What is the significance of the word "Word" in John 1:1?

In what ways does John 1:1 affirm the deity of Jesus Christ?

What is the meaning of "the Word became flesh" in John 1:14, and what does it teach us about Jesus?

In what ways does Jesus Christ fulfill the prophecies of the Old Testament regarding the coming Messiah, as described in John 1:11-13?

What does it mean to receive Jesus Christ, as described in John 1:12-13, and how can we apply this to our own lives?

Application:

How can we develop a deeper understanding of Jesus Christ and His role in our lives?

What steps can we take to develop a more personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

In what ways can we share the message of the gospel with others, as described in John 1:11-13?

Conclusion:

Through this study, we have gained a deeper understanding of Jesus Christ as the Word made flesh. We have learned that Jesus is not only the Son of God, but also the fulfillment of God's plan for salvation. As we reflect on these verses, let us be encouraged to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to share the message of the gospel with others.

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About John 1:1-14

John 1:1-14 is one of the most significant passages in the New Testament. It is the opening of John's Gospel and it sets the tone for the rest of the book. The passage introduces Jesus as the Word, who was with God in the beginning and also God who became flesh and dwelt among us.

Jesus is God.

In verse 1, John makes a bold statement about the identity of Jesus: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Here, John refers to Jesus as the Word, which is a powerful metaphor for the divine communication of God. John's use of the term "Word" is significant because it reflects the Jewish concept of the "Word of God" found in the Hebrew Scriptures. This reference establishes Jesus as God.

The phrase "the Word was with God" suggests that Jesus existed alongside God from the beginning. This indicates the co-existence and co-eternity of the Father and the Son, who are distinct but united in their divine nature. Furthermore, "the Word was God" affirms the divinity of Jesus, and establishes him as a person of the Trinity.

Verse 2 confirms the pre-existence of Jesus before the creation of the world, while verse 3 emphasizes that all things were created through him. This reinforces the idea that Jesus is not a mere mortal, but rather the divine Son of God. The following verses further illustrate the significance of Jesus in the creation of the world, and the light that he brought into the world.

Verse 9 introduces the theme of light, which is a recurring motif in John's Gospel. Jesus is portrayed as the true light, which enlightens everyone who comes into the world. This metaphorical light represents the truth and the guidance that Jesus offers to those who follow him. The light of Jesus contrasts with the darkness of sin, which is rejected by those who believe in him.

Verse 14 summarizes the entire passage, stating that the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. This refers to the incarnation, the moment when Jesus was born as a human being. The word "dwelt" can also be translated as "tabernacled," which carries a deeper meaning. In the Old Testament, the tabernacle was the dwelling place of God among his people. John is suggesting that Jesus, as the Word made flesh, is the new tabernacle in which God now dwells among his people.

In conclusion, John 1:1-14 establishes the divinity and pre-existence of Jesus, while also emphasizing his humanity through the incarnation. The passage introduces the central themes of light, truth, and guidance that are developed throughout the rest of the Gospel. Overall, John 1:1-14 is a powerful and profound statement about the identity and significance of Jesus Christ.

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What does this mean to me and how should it shape my life?

