

Agape House of Worship
Wednesday Bible Study – February 11, 2026

Study Series: THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE: A Journey Through the Gospel of John

Part 2: The Word Became Flesh John 1:1-18

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The Word Became Flesh: Jesus as eternal God revealed in human form

John 1:1-18 NIV - The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

- In the beginning – *When is the beginning? Who is the Word?*
 - **Genesis 1:1 The Beginning** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
 - **Genesis 1:26** Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image,
- From the beginning → Was the Word, Word was with God, Word was God
 - **John 17:5** And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.
- Everything was created and made through him
 - **Hebrews 1:10** He also says, “In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.
- In him → life (light of all mankind)
 - **John 8:12** “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
- The light shines in darkness (darkness does not overcome it/has not understood it)
 - **John 1:5 AMP** The Light shines on in the darkness, and the darkness did not **understand** it or **overpower** it or **appropriate** it or **absorb** it [and is **unreceptive** to it].

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

- *Who is this man - John? Why did God use a witness/preparer of the way for Jesus?*
- **Isaiah 40:3 NIV** ³ A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- Read **Matthew 3:1-3**
- **Luke 7:28 Expanded Bible** ²⁸ I tell you, John is greater than any other person ever born [born to women], but even the least important person in the kingdom of God is greater than John [because John was part of the old age of preparation, those in the new kingdom age have greater blessings and status].”

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

- Jesus gives light to everyone
- The world did not recognize him and his own did not receive him

- Those who received him/believed in his name → right to become children of God, born of God
- **John 1:12 Amplified Bible** ¹² But to as many as did receive *and* welcome Him, He gave the right [the **authority**, the **privilege**] to become children of God, *that is*, to those who believe in (**adhere to, trust in, and rely on**) His name—
- **John 3:3** ³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.^[a]” Footnotes John 3:3 The Greek for *again* also means *from above*

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his **dwelling among us**. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- **Matthew 1:23** “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “**God with us**”).
- **2 Corinthians 4:4** The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the **glory of Christ**, who is the image of God.
- *Have you seen and experienced the glory of Christ?*

¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

- **John 3:30-31 NIV** ³⁰ “**He must become greater; I must become less.**” ³¹ The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all.
- **John 1:16 Amplified Bible** ¹⁶ For out of His fullness [the superabundance of His grace and truth] we have all received **grace upon grace [spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing, favor upon favor, and gift heaped upon gift]**.

Jesus is the Light of the World

John 1:4 – The light of all mankind

John 1:5 – The light that shines in darkness

John 1:9 – The true light

John 8:12 The Message ¹² Jesus once again addressed them: “I am the **world’s Light**. No one who follows me stumbles around in the darkness. I provide plenty of light to live in.”