

LOVE Takes on Human FORM ~ JOHN 1:1-14

→Scripture Reading John 1:1-3, Heb. 2:14-15, 1:14, 3:16-17

INTRODUCTION

→This Rose shall wilt and die - but you dear teacher will smell forever.

God SENT the WORD ~ John 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

→The Title or Name -The WORD is used because God is a God who SPEAKS

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 men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

Becoming FLESH and BLOOD ~ Hebrews 2:14-15

¹⁴ Because God's children are human beings - made of flesh and blood - the Son also BECAME flesh and blood. For ONLY as a human being could He DIE, and only by dying could He BREAK the power of the devil, who had the power of death. ¹⁵ Only in this way could He set FREE all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying. (NLT)

Mark 10:45 (NIV) For even the Son of Man did NOT come to be served, but to SERVE, and to GIVE His life as a RANSOM for many.

When we BELONG to God, we need not fear death, because we know that death is only the doorway into eternal LIFE. LAB

John 14:18-19 (NIV) I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see ME anymore, but you WILL see ME. Because I live, you also will live.

The Word Came FULL of GRACE and TRUTH ~ John 1:10-14

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 received 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.

The Response to the WORD...

- Jesus is REJECTED by His OWN vs. 11
- Jesus is RECEIVED by those who BELIEVE vs. 12

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

APPLICATION

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) Therefore, if anyone is IN Christ, he IS a NEW CREATION; the old has gone, the new has come.

IMPLICATION

→We Experience God's LOVE because of the INCARNATION of Jesus

¹⁴ The WORD became flesh and made His DWELLING among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, FULL of GRACE and TRUTH.

TAKE AWAY ??

John 3:16-18 (NIV) For God so loved the world that He gave His One and Only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

¹⁶ **For God loved the world SO MUCH** that he gave his One and Only Son... (NLT)

¹⁶ **For God loved the world in THIS WAY:** He gave His One and Only Son... (HCB)

¹⁶ For God loved the world SO MUCH ...**QUANTITY** of Love

¹⁶ For God loved the world in THIS WAY ...**METHOD** of Love

The LOVE of God

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
and were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade:
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry,
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky.

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.

Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure -
The saints' and angels' song.