

He Was The Word Made Flesh Who Dwelt Among Us

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"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the Glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father; full of Grace and Truth." (John 1:14)

Word: from the Greek word **Logos** a noun which means: a word (as embodying an idea), being the expression of a thought; a saying, expressed in speech. It is 'preeminently used of Christ (John 1:1), expressing the thoughts of the Father through the Spirit.' In a broad sense meaning "reasoning expressed by words." A word which, uttered by the living voice, which embodies a conception or idea, and thus expressed in language. A twofold use of the term is to be distinguished: one which relates to speaking, and one which relates to thinking. In context: Jesus is the 'Word' who was and is God – who became Flesh – a Human being: the divine expression and essence of God (the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) in human flesh.

Was Made: from the Greek word **egeneto** a verb which means: became; or was-made; (from **ginomai** which means: to come into being or existence, to happen, to become). properly, to emerge, become, transitioning from one point (realm, condition) to another. In context Jesus, who preexisted in form as God (quote) transitioned from His divine Spirit nature into the form of flesh and blood human nature, being conceived (incarnated), by the Holy Spirit within the womb of His human mother Simply stated: Jesus, the Word who was God, became a flesh and blood human being.

Flesh: from the Greek word **sarx** a noun which means: flesh, as in a flesh and blood, whether of a human body, or an animal's; it is that which is physical and necessary for the body to live; family kindred; human nature - as in being of the same flesh and blood nature; (in a negative sense: carnal). In context: refers to the flesh and blood incarnate human body of Christ Jesus.

Dwelt: from the Greek word **eskenosen** a verb which means: dwelt; (from **skenoo**) properly: to pitch or live in a tent, in the sense of making one's home or dwelling place in a specific location. In context Jesus, who previously dwelt within the heavenly realm, came and dwelt among us, here within the physical realm of earth.

Among: from the Greek word **en** which means: properly in, inside, within; (also depending on grammatical context: on, at, by, with, among); thus, in context, translated 'among us' rather than 'in us'.

Us: from the Greek word **hemin** which means: us; and in context: among mankind; and more specifically among His kindred people, the Jewish people.

Literal: "And the Word flesh became, and dwelt among us."

New King James: "and the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us."

Consider the fuller Context:

"He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, **and the world did not know Him. He came unto His own** (the Jewish Nation), **and His own did not received Him.** But as many as do received Him (whether Jew or Gentile), to them He gave the power to become the sons of God, even to those who believe on His Name; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1:10-13)

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Verse 14, which follows, is thus a very important 'follow-up truth' shared by the apostle John, to show just "Who" was received or rejected, or even known by the people. Who is this Jesus who was rejected by some, and received and believed on by others? Consider these:

Jesus is the Word who is God. (John 1:1)

Jesus is Emmanuel - God with us! (Isaiah 7:14) (Matthew 1:23)

Jesus is the Word through whom all things were made! (John 1:3)

Jesus is Life; and His Life is the Light of men! (John 1:4)

Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the Living God! (Matthew 16:13-17)

Jesus is the Savior of the World! (1 John 4:14)

Jesus is the Beginning and the End, and the First and the Last! (Rev. 22:12-14)

Jesus is the Everlasting Father! (Isaiah 9:6)

Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of Lords! (Revelation 19:16)

These, and many other divine attributes manifested and spoken by Jesus, during His First-coming dwelling on earth, resulted in extreme opposition and rejection by many, and complete surrender in faith by many others. Consider the following:

“Who has believed our report? And to whom is the **Arm of the LORD** (a title of Jesus the Messiah) **revealed**? For He (Jesus) shall grow up before Him (the Father) as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground. He has no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. **He is despised and rejected of men; a Man of Sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.** ... He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied. **By His knowledge shall My Righteous Servant justify many** (those who believe and receive Him into their lives); **for He shall bear their iniquities.**” (Isaiah 53:1-3; 11)

“Therefore **the Jews were persecuting Jesus, and sought to kill Him,** because He had done these things on the Sabbath day. But Jesus answered them, 'My Father is working until now, and I am working.' Therefore **the Jews sought all the more to kill Him,** because He not only had broken the Sabbath, **but said also that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.**” (see John 5:1-18; when Jesus healed the lame man on the Sabbath day)

Jesus said “**Truly, truly,** I say unto you, 'If a man keeps My word, **he shall never see death.**' Then the Jews said unto Him, 'Now we know that You have a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If a man keeps My word, he shall never taste of death. Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead, and the prophets, who are dead? Who are You making Yourself?' Jesus answered, 'If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing; **it is My Father (God) who honors Me;** of whom you say, that He is your God; yet you have not known Him; **but I know Him;** and if I should say, 'I do not know Him, I shall be a liar like unto you. But I do know Him, and keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day: and he saw it, and was glad.' Then the Jews said unto Him, 'You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?' Jesus said unto them, “**Truly, truly,** I say unto you, Before Abraham was (existed), **I am.** **Then they took up stones to cast at Him;** but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the Temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.” (John 8:51-59)

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“Then came the Jews around Him, and said unto Him (unto Jesus), 'How long will You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered them, 'I told you, and you did not believe; the works that I do in My Father's Name, they bear witness of Me. But you do not believe, **because you are not of My sheep**, as I said unto you. **My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: And I give unto them Eternal Life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.** My Father, who gave them to Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand. **I and My Father are One.** Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.” (John 10:24-31)

In these verses we see that Isaiah's prophecy happened as it said; Jesus indeed was **despised and rejected by His own kindred people.** Jesus 'in deed' **bore our iniquities (sins) on the Cross.** And thus Jesus was indeed **a Man of Sorrows, and acquainted with grief.** Sorrow and Rejection, and Grief were part of His destiny during His first Coming to earth; and Joy also! Consider the following:

“Therefore seeing we also are encompassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and **let us run with patience the race that is set before us.** **Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the Right Hand of the Throne of God.** For consider Him **who endured such hostility of sinners against Himself,** lest you become weary and faint in your souls.” (Hebrews 12:1-3)

Jesus is the Word who became human flesh and lived and dwelt amongst us! This is the Word Who was and is God, and yet was, and still is either rejected or received by people on earth. For those who do receive Jesus, believing in Him, consider the following, from Colossians 1:12-22:

Give “thanks unto the Father, who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the Light; who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son; in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins: and **who is the Image of the Invisible God,** the firstborn of every creature. ... who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; so that in all things He might have the preeminence. **For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell;** **And, having made peace through the blood of His cross,** and through Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; and you, who were once alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled you **In the body of His flesh** through death, to present you holy and blameless and unproveable in His sight.”

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Emmanuel ~ God with us!

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**And yet, Jesus was, and still is, despised and rejected of men!
And yet, Jesus has and still is justifying many by bearing our sins!
Any yet, for those who do follow Jesus; Jesus gives unto them Eternal Life!
Jesus has reconciled us In the body of His flesh, through His shed blood on the Cross!**

All Praise, and Glory, and Honor, and Majesty, be to You Lord Jesus!

Always and Always! ~ ~ Forever and Ever! ~ ~ Amen and Amen!