

SERMON NOTES

Reason To Believe: God in the Flesh!
John 1:10-18

The doctrine of the incarnation is most often mentioned during Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. However, the incarnation is far reaching beyond the manger in Bethlehem. John declared that the incarnation of Jesus (God in the flesh) was necessary for our salvation and for our having a right understanding of God. Isaiah prophesied that “The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them” (Isaiah 9:2). Jesus is the “true light” (1:9) and He came to save us from our sins and to make visible the invisible (1:18). Do you see Him?

Explanation:

The Latin verb *incarno* is derived from two words “in” & “carno,” meaning quite literally “to make into flesh.”

VERSES 10-11 | *John 4:1-3*

VERSES 12-13 | *Hebrews 2:17*

VERSES 14-18

- The mystery of the incarnation (v. 14)

- The testimony of John (v. 15)
 - Pre-eminence

 - Pre-existence

- The magnitude of God’s grace (v. 16)

- The testimony of scripture (v. 17)

- The visible made visible (v.18)

Take away:

The implications of the incarnation are far reaching, but here are four things to remember:

1. Jesus Reveals the Father

John 1:14; 14:9; Hebrews 1:1-3

2. Only Jesus Can Provide Salvation

Galatians 4:4-5; Luke 19:10; 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 John 4:10

3. Jesus Reigns Over Creation

Luke 1:33; Revelation 11:15; 2 Samuel 7:13; Hebrews 1:8

4. Jesus Identifies with You

Hebrews 4:14-16; Philippians 2:6-11