

THE
WORD
BECAME
FLESH

Understanding the 5 W's of God Becoming Human



Part 1

Understanding *Why* God Became Flesh

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Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:19

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

John 3:20

Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.

John 3:21

But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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“World” [*kosmos*] Defined

- **John’s Gospel 72 Times**
- **John’s Letters 24 Times**
- **Context of *kosmos*: the all-encompassing realm of humanity that inhabits this planet and embraces darkness habitually**

John 1:9

The true light that gives light
to everyone was coming
into the world.

John 1:10

He was in the world, and though
the world was made through him,
the world did not recognize him.

John 7:7

The world cannot hate you,
but it hates me because I testify
that its works are evil.

“World” [*kosmos*] Defined

- **Judaism rarely spoke of God’s love for anyone outside of themselves or for anyone beyond the limits of their race and nation, let alone for “sinners.”**

The idea that God could love all of humanity no matter how wicked, evil, or lost it is and that His love extends beyond any limits of race, nation, gender, or status was uniquely a Christian idea.

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Romans 5:6

**When we were utterly helpless,
Christ came at just the right time
and died for us, the ungodly.**

Romans 5:7

Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for an especially good person someone might possibly dare to die.

Romans 5:8

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Romans 5:9

**And since we have been made right
in God's sight by the blood of Christ,
he will certainly save us from
God's condemnation.**

Romans 5:10

For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.

Romans 5:11

So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

**Please take a moment to imagine in
your mind, the person you love the
most in this world.**

**Now imagine the person or persons
you dislike/hate the most in this
world.**

Would you be willing to sacrifice the person you love the most in this world for the person you hate the most in this world, especially if they don't deserve it? Especially if they won't even be thankful?

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God Has Already Told Us

- He is perfect, righteous, and holy
- He hates all sin.
- He will judge the world.
- He will destroy His enemies.
- Those who do not believe in Jesus will be condemned.

**God Has Also Already
Shown Us!**

1 John 2:15

**Do not love the world or anything
in the world. If anyone loves
the world, love for the Father
is not in them.**

1 John 2:16

**For everything in the world—the
lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes,
and the pride of life—comes not
from the Father but from the world.**

1 John 2:17

**The world and its desires pass away,
but whoever does the will of God
lives forever.**

**There is no contradiction between
God's command to His children not
to love the world and God's own
love for the world.**

As Christians, we are not to love this world with the selfish love of participation. God loves the world with the selfless, extremely painful, and excruciatingly costly love of redemption.

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Principle #5

God chose to become a human being in order to openly defeat the darkness and in order to unveil the darkness for what it is, so as to provide a means of escape for all who choose to believe.

Principle #6

Evil and darkness constantly wage war against the Christ not because they can win but because they want to take down as many with them as they can.

Principle #7

God chose to become a human being and to enter into this fallen, broken world because His redeeming work requires transforming the whole world one person at a time.

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