

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- 1) This Word that became flesh *was* the eternal Word (vs 1), with no beginning of His own; when other things began, He – *was*.
- 2) This Word was “*with God*”(vs 1 & 2). The power that fulfils God’s purposes as the Word stands in eternal relation to God, in active fellowship in the Trinity as a distinct, divine, personal being.
- 3) This Word “*was God*.” Here is the Word’s *deity*. Though distinct from the Father, He is not a creature. He is in Himself just as divine as the Father.
- 4) This Word made all things (vs 3). He was the Father’s agent in every creative that the Father has ever performed. All that was made was made through Him.
- 5) In Him was “*life*.” The Word animates all parts of the creation. There is no life in the realm of created things except in and through Him.
- 6) This all-animating life in the Word of God is also “the *light of men*”(vs 4). In giving life, He gives light too. Here is the Word revealing.
- 7) This Word “*became flesh*” (vs. 14). The baby in the manger was none other than the eternal Word of God.
- 8) This Word made flesh is revealed in His identity in all His words, works and wisdom as *God’s Son* (vs. 14). Thus John establishes the point at which he was aiming throughout. He has now made it clear the Son of God is the Word of God; we see what the Word is; well, that is what the Son is. Such is the Prologue’s message in John 1.

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