

Sermon Series: **The Gospel of Mark**
Sermon Title: **The Word Became Flesh, Pt. I**
Sermon Text: **John 1:1, 14 6a**

2 observations

I. THE SHOCKING PROCLAMATION

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The *Word* became flesh.

A. IT IS CONCLUSIVE

Heb 1:1-2a.

“Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing;”

1. In Its Means

the Son of God

2. In Its Message

only the Son of God can save sinners. Acts 4:12; 10:43; 16:31; Heb 2:3, 4.
"Silent night! holy night! Son of God, Love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth."

B. IT IS CAUTIONING

no other word to be expected, received from God! Follows, flows from its finality. Mt 17:5; Mk 9:7; Lk 9:35; Acts 3:22 with Dt 18:15, 18, 19.

1. In Its Fullness

Dt 4:2; 12:32; Rev 22:18, 19

2. In Its Fearfulness

there is no other way to be saved. Jn 3:16-18; etc.

C. IT IS CONFLICTING

it conflicts with the idols of the world that are vain and speechless, Ps 115:5 (4-8); Isa 45:20; 46:7; Jer 10:5; Hab 2:18, 19; 1 Cor 12:2; etc. Our God is a God who has spoken and who continues to speak.

1. By Its Character

2 Tim 3:16, 17; Heb 4:12; 1 Pe 1:23-25; Jn 5:24; 17:7; 8:31, 32; etc.

2. By Its Confirmation

Isa 45:23; 46:8-11; 55:10, 11. It is also called the gospel... that saves sinners, Acts 15:7; Eph 1:13; Col 1:15, 16

II. THE SCANDALOUS PRESENCE

1, 14a

the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

A. THE DIVINE PRESENCE

1. The Supreme Presence

the Word that is God now dwells with his people. Jn 1:18. Affirming the doctrine of the Trinity.

“Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;

Hail th'Incarnate Deity,

Pleased as man with men to dwell,

Jesus, our Emmanuel”

“True God of true God, Light of light eternal,

Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb,

Son of the Father, Begotten, not created;”

2. The Sufficient Presence

fulfills all the OT promises, pictures, etc. Tabernacling with his people. Ex 25:8, 9; Lev 26:11; 1 Ki 6:13; Eze 37:26; etc. God's passion to be with his people, from Adam to the new creation in Rev 21:1 ff.

B. THE STRANGE PRESENCE

how can God dwell among creatures/sinners? The meaning of *Logos*.

1. The Erupting Problem

The Greek understanding of *Logos*.

2. The Eternal Person

In the beginning was the Word. Immanuel, Mt 1:25 fulfilling Isa 7:14; Gen 3:15; entire sacrificial cultus; all tropes; etc.

C. THE DELIVERING PRESENCE

Mt 1:21; Jn 3:16, 17; 1 Jn 4:9, 10; etc.

1. His Purpose in Coming

Mk 10:45 and synoptic parallels; 1 Jn 3:8b; Heb 2:14-18.

“Hark! the herald angels sing,

"Glory to the newborn King:

Peace on earth, and mercy mild,

God and sinners reconciled...”

2. His Purpose in Consummation

Heb 7:25; Jn 6:37-40; etc. We have assurance of salvation, Jn 10:28, 29; etc.

“Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns; ..

“No more let sins and sorrows grow,

Nor thorns infest the ground;

He comes to make His blessings flow

Far as the curse is found,

Far as the curse is found,

Far as, far as the curse is found.”