

# Sermon Reflections

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## *Do You Hear What I Hear? – John 1:14-18*

**Summary:** God came down from heaven, and took on flesh to give you a personal message: **This is Me.** Know the true God by looking to Jesus Christ. You cannot know Him any other way.

### ***The Message of the Incarnation:***

#### **1. Listen to What the Incarnation Tells You (v. 14a)**

- Who is the Word? How do we know this? Why does John describe Him as the “Word?”
  - What is the message? Why is this important to us?
- God became flesh (“incarnated.”) Why do we marvel at this?
- You can’t know God any better than looking at Jesus Christ.
  - Are you listening to what the incarnation is telling you? How can we encourage each other to do this?

#### **2. Look at What the Incarnation Shows You (v. 14b)**

- What does the word “dwelt” literally mean here? Compare and contrast this with the tabernacle we’ve been studying in Exodus.
  - In the old testament, the tabernacle was the closest you could get to God. But with Jesus, they could literally see and touch Him! They could see his glory “full of grace and truth.”
    - What is on display to see here? Why does this bring us encouragement as believers?
- Read and consider John 9 where Jesus heals the blind man. In verses 40-41, what is the importance of Jesus answer to the Pharisees question?
  - Can you see your spiritual blindness? If not, why is this concerning and what can you do open your eyes?

#### **3. Lay Hold of What the Incarnation Gives You (vv. 16-17)**

- In verse 16, what does “grace upon grace” mean?
- What is the significance of the law versus the grace and truth that Jesus freely gives?
  - Are you trying to keep the law on your own OR are you looking to Jesus for grace?
    - What are some ways that we can help us see when we are relying on ourselves instead of Jesus?

#### **4. Learn What the Incarnation Teaches You (v. 18)**

- Why can man not see God? How does Jesus rectify this on our behalf? (cont...)
  - Read (and memorize!) John 14:6-7 Jesus made the invisible God visible. If you want to know God you must never stop studying Jesus, it is a lifetime endeavor. Are you up to the challenge?