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Valley Church
John Presents Jesus as the Logos

Jesus for Gentiles - John 1

John 1:10-13

I. Christ _____

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him (John 1:10).

II. Christ _____

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him (John 1:11).

III. Christ _____

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God (John 1:12-13).

John 1:14 tells us that "the Word (referring to Jesus Christ) became flesh and lived among us."

▶ **Incarnation**

Jesus is the visible Word of God. He is God in human flesh.

▶ **Habitation**

Eugene Peterson translates the first part of John 1:14, "The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood." For 33 years God moved into our neighborhood. The NIV says that he "made his dwelling among us." Some translations say that he "pitched his tent among us." That's actually very accurate because the Greek word for "made his dwelling" literally means, "to pitch a tent."

▶ **Manifestation**

John next speaks of the manifestation of God's glory: "We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only, who came from the Father." Eugene Peterson again, "We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son."

▶ **Invitation**

This text ends with a powerful word of invitation. It tells us that Jesus came to the earth "full of grace and truth." Eugene Peterson says that he was "Generous inside and out, true from start to finish."

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. What is your full name?
2. What is your nickname?
3. Where did the names come from?

Ponderings:

1. Why did this gospel begin "in the beginning" rather than at Jesus' birth?
2. What facts about "the Word" can you find in verses 1-5?
3. What is John the Baptist's role as a witness?
4. Who or what fails to comprehend the light (vv. 5, 10-11)? Why?
5. From the image of "receiving" someone (v. 12), how would you explain what faith is about?
6. How would someone "full of grace and truth" treat others?
7. From this passage, how can a person come to know God?

Promptings:

1. What does John's emphasis on the pre-existent, creative Christ mean to you?
2. Of the titles for Jesus given in John 1 (the Word, the Light, the Christ, the Lamb of God, the Son of God), which means the most to you? Why?