
Series: That You Might Believe (John)

It Was Him: We Experienced the Word (John 1:14-16)

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.' " ¹⁶ And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

1. ***The Word Was Physically Present (14a)***

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...

a. ***Physical: Became flesh (verifiable)***

OT Prophecies of the Messiah
Matt 1
Luke 2

b. ***Present: Dwelt among us (over a long period of time)***

1 John 1:1-2 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life-- ² the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us--

2. ***The Word Was Divinely Pointed Out (14b)***

...and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

a. ***By His Glory***

Matt 17:1-6 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; ² and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. ³ And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. ⁴ Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" ⁶ And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.

2 Pet 1:16-18 ¹⁶ For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷ For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

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b. ***By His Grace and Truth***

Grace – His character – How He did things (LOVE)
Truth – His content – What He said (LIGHT)

3. ***The Word Was Verbally Proclaimed (15)***

John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.' "

a. ***By the Prophesied Prophet (It happened as it was foretold)***

Mat 3:1-3 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'"

b. ***By the Word's Proclaimed Preeminence (He is more important)***

Col 1:18-20 ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. ¹⁹ For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. (c.p. vv. 26-27)

c. ***By the Word's Proclaimed Preexistence (He was here before me)***

Col 1:15-17 ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth *are* from of old, From everlasting."

4. ***The Word Was Personally Experienced (16)***

And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

a. ***His fullness***

Eph 1:15-23 ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Eph 3:14-19 ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Eph 4:11-16 ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Col 2:8-10 ⁹ For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰ and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

b. ***His grace***