

Divine Dumpster Diving

John 1:14

John 1:14 - And the Word was made 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.

1. Christ is the Word for Men

And the Word

-no hint of “another” word, adding “the” puts emphasis on it being the only, or clearly superior

John 10:10 - The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly

John 5:39-40 - You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me

John 8:12 - Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

John 14:15 - 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.’”

2. Christ Became a Man for Us

was made flesh and dwelt among us.

-past tense, transition/changing of the Word/Christ into flesh, the Word existed before

1 Peter 1:24 - All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass, the grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the word of the LORD endures forever. Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

Dwelt – to set up a tabernacle, Christ “tabernacled”

-the flesh Christ took on was in a sense a NT tabernacle

-Christ did not live separate or away in some way, He dwelt among us, He was a “people person”

- coming to save man and living among them

- in a sense, “dumpster diving”

3. Christ Came to Save Man

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

Beheld - view attentively, learn from/because of importance of person

Only Begotten -pointing toward only one "Son", Christ

Grace – the undeserved love and forgiveness of God given and offered to mankind

-grace is in contrast to the law, which man was unable to fulfill, but Christ did

John 1:17 - For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:8-9 – For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Truth – is absolute, it is the actual reality, is what is real

-Christ is truth and unchanging, Since Christ is truth then what he says is also truth. He is then also the standard.

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Heb 13:8 - Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

4. Christ's Command for Us

To tell others

- A. Who He is – He is Christ, He is truth, He is the Word
- B. What He did – He took on flesh, He lived a perfect life, and He died and rose again
- C. Why he did it – To pay for our sins, through His death on the cross, that we could, by faith alone, be saved

Matt 28: 19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.