



“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.”

– John 1:14

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

Feast of Nativity 2018

INTRODUCTION

- All the Gospels witness to the Nativity
- St. Luke – Paramoun
- St. Matthew – Nativity Feast
- St. Mark
 - “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” (1:1)
- St John
 - “In the beginning was the Word...” (Jn. 1:1)
- Who is the Word of God?
- Why did the Word take flesh?

WHO IS THE WORD OF GOD?

1) He is the 2nd Person of the Trinity

- “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.” (Jn. 1:1-2)

2) His is eternal

- Comparing the “beginnings” (Genesis and John)



WHO IS THE WORD OF GOD?

3) He is eternally present with the Father

4) The Word was God

- “I and My Father are one.” (Jn. 10:30)

5) He was the Creator of all

- “All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” (Jn. 1:3)

WHO IS THE WORD OF GOD?

6) His is life

- “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.” (Jn. 1:4)



WHO IS THE WORD OF GOD?

7) He is the light of men

- “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.” (Jn. 1:4)
- “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.” (Jn. 11:25-26)
- “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” (Jn. 8:12)



WHY DID THE WORD BECOME FLESH?

1) Purely out of love

- Only out of the love and goodness of His Father, for the salvation of mankind.
- Love can never be coerced

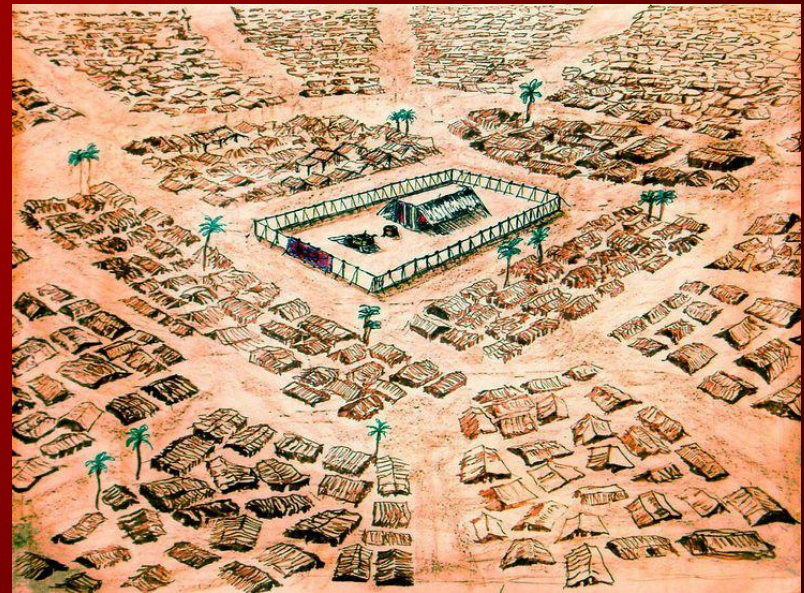
2) To renew creation

- When man sinned, man could not save himself.
- *“Neither an angel nor an archangel, neither a patriarch, nor a prophet have You entrusted with our salvation, but You, without change, were incarnate and became man...”* (Liturgy of St. Gregory)

WHY DID THE WORD BECOME FLESH?

3) To reveal Himself to us

- God revealed Himself to us in part
- It was always God's desire to dwell with man



SUMMARY

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