

Week 49
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Transforming Daily
“... *the Word became flesh* ...”
John 1:14

What a strange sounding occurrence. A word becoming flesh, is that the same thing as action? Perhaps it is like the sentiment behind the statement, “I’m gonna’ make you eat those words?” Unless you write or type them out, words are thoughts and concepts, sounds and utterances. So what does John mean when he says, “the Word became flesh?” In this case, John means it quite literally. It is action, but so much more. What God had spoken, came to pass. Jesus Christ is literally the Word of God. It’s not just His name. It’s not just a theological concept or proposition. God spoke it, and it came to pass. But how can this be (Mary pondered the same thing)?

It’s a miracle. However, the theological and Christological plot thickens because God did not create the Son. The Son is eternal. Like the Father and with the Father, as well as the Holy Spirit, the Son of God has always existed. John goes to great lengths to establish this marvelous and miraculous reality in verses 1-5.

The miracle is best described as a revelation. God has always existed and Jesus Christ is a part of the Godhead – Father, *Son*, and Holy Spirit. God’s Word is eternal, but it has not always been visible, tangible, or even available to grasp. So when the time came, God revealed to human understanding that which has always been, yet not always having been visible. Do you see why faith is so important? God took on flesh as the Messiah, Christ Jesus, fully God and fully man, the Suffering Servant, and the obedient Son of God.

Aren’t you glad that all you have to do to be saved is trust the Word of God? Do you trust Jesus Christ through faith for your salvation? Is there anyone in your life that you can share the free gift of eternal life with this Christmas? After all, it is the very reason that the Word became flesh.