

Who Am I?

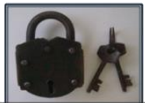
Unlocking and Understanding the Mystery of Christ

Week Three

Day Five

HE BECAME FLESH

“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)



Unlocking the Mystery

It is an incredible mystery how Jesus can be fully man, yet fully God. The mystery continues of how Jesus left the splendor of heaven to humble Himself to come to earth wrapped in flesh. In understanding this mystery, we must wrap our understanding around the purpose and plan only He was destined to fulfill. Today, we will see that the coming of Jesus to earth was to fulfill prophecy, to reveal God, and to save the world from eternal death. Today we will also look deeper into the GOSPELS and deeper into how God revealed Himself to His children.

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: Luke 24:44

To fulfill



Understanding the Word

V. 44 He said to them (the disciples), “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be _____ that is written about Me in the _____, the _____, and the _____.”

We have already spent much time looking into the Old Testament as to how it prepares for the coming of Jesus. There are many more passages to study on this topic, but the big picture is that Jesus came to fulfill all of what was disclosed in the Old Testament Scripture.

V. 10 For the Son of Man came to _____ and to _____ what was lost.

We have learned of a fallen world that was separated from God. The people were going to the eternal death, known as hell, if they did not have a way to come back to God. Jesus became that way. The only way to get to heaven is to be born again by asking Jesus into your heart as your personal savior. Once that saving has taken place, you allow the Spirit within you to guide you into the life of integrity by obedience to His Word. Jesus came to save you.

V. 1-3 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His _____, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's _____ and the _____ of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word.

Jesus came to reveal God to us. First, ***He came to become the Word (John 1:14) of God.*** His life and the way He lived demonstrated God as though He was speaking directly to us. We can go back into the Gospels and see how Jesus handled a situation and know that if we imitate that behavior, we are acting in accordance with God's Word.

Secondly, ***He came to show us God (John 14:7).*** Old Testament Scriptures say that to look upon God was sudden death. No one to that point had seen God face to face. Now, Jesus came to earth to let His people see His face. Jesus told many people to see Him is to see God because He and God are one. Wow, can you imagine walking side by side with God Almighty? How overwhelming you would think that would be, yet He didn't look overwhelming. He looked like one of us.

Thirdly, ***He came to share in humanity (flesh and blood).*** It was by His own death and resurrection He destroyed the power of death and of Satan. ***Hebrews 2:17*** says that He had to be made like His brothers in every way, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God and that He might make atonement for the sins of the people. We can know that He understands how we feel, and He understands what we face and what circumstances we face. He knows how mean and cruel people can be, as well as, how kind, loving, and compassionate some can be. He knows!

TO BECOME THE _____

TO SHOW US _____

TO SHARE IN _____

This next section shows a very brief breakdown of the four books of the Bible that tell of Jesus' time here on earth clothed in flesh: the GOSPELS. If you want to know how Jesus acted or reacted, or if you want to know what Jesus taught, these are the books to go to for a better understanding of our Lord.

Name the four books known as the GOSPELS:

_____	_____
_____	_____

The first three of the books are very similar. These three are called the **SYNOPTIC GOSPELS**. They give the same general view of Christ's life and record mostly the same events. They each tell what they knew using their own personality and knowledge of who they were writing to.

The fourth Gospel focuses more on the relationship Jesus had with God. It discloses his Deity and was written with you in mind as you come into a relationship with Him.

AUTHOR	AUDIENCE	OCCUPATION	RELATIONSHIP TO CHRIST
Matthew	Jews	Tax Collector	Disciple of Jesus
Mark	Romans	Unsure	Companion of Peter who was a disciple of Jesus
Luke	Greeks	Physician	Companion of Paul; he was with many eyewitnesses during his travels with Paul
John	All	Fisherman	Disciple of Jesus

AUTHOR	AUDIENCE	GENERAL MESSAGE PICTURE OF CHRIST
Matthew	Jews	Presents Jesus as the Messiah who fulfills OT Prophecies. He quotes from and refers to the OT more than any other NT author. He wanted the Jews to realize and accept Jesus as the King of the Jews... but in the spiritual sense.
Mark	Romans	Presents Jesus as the Miracle worker. He stresses action rather than teaching. He shows Jesus' Deity by His power. He focuses on what Jesus did rather than what Jesus said. Romans didn't care about the fulfillment of OT. They did not live by the OT Scriptures. They needed to see a powerful God.
Luke	Greeks	Presents Jesus as the Son of Man who brings salvation by identifying with humanity in all its weaknesses. He heals the sick and seeks out those rejected by society. He shows God in human flesh, then relates it to the thinkers and compassion of the Greek philosophers and culture. Makes it clear this is God in human form
John	All	Presents Jesus as the Son of God. He begins with Jesus being with God at the beginning of time and focuses on the unity between Jesus and God, His Father. He shows over and over that Jesus is God and presents what Jesus said rather than what He did. He also presents the steps needed for us to take to come into relationship with Him



This lesson was written for you to become more familiar with Jesus our Lord. When the reality sets in that Jesus was sent by God as an act of love, to become His very words, to show Himself, and to become flesh to share in our lives, we hopefully can let go of areas of doubt that hold us back from fully committing to Jesus and His commands. The extent of love that God has for us goes so much deeper than we can ever fathom. The precious gift of the Holy Scriptures that was left behind to disclose that love and to guide our hearts into a love relationship with Him is almost overwhelming when we can allow the truth to penetrate through any hard shell that surrounds our hearts and minds. Dear brothers and sisters, take the time to get to know Him. Please, take the time to allow Jesus into your heart and remold you. Please take the time to accept all that He has given for you and has for you in your future. Please, take the time... I believe time as we know it is running out!