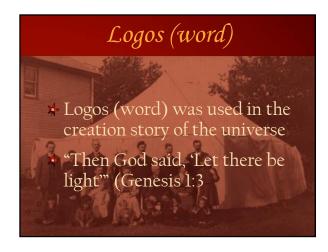


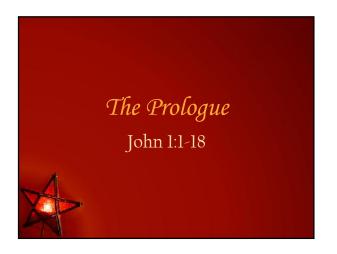


We see that God has 'tented'/ dwelled with us in Jesus Christ A God in solidarity with us in Jesus

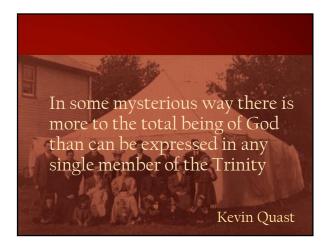


Logos (word) * Logos used in the personification of wisdom (Proverbs 8:22-31) * Wisdom as the active agent in the creation of the world

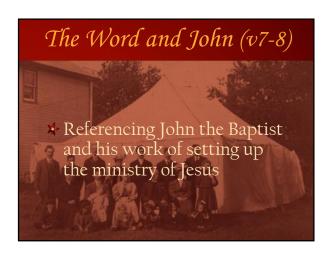
Logos (word) Logos also used in Greek philosophy of the First century – referring to reason which gives the world meaning and order

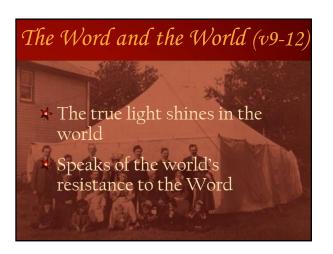


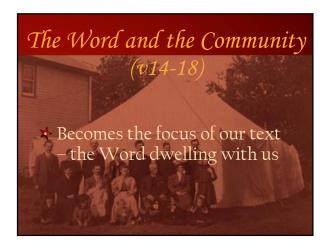
The Word and God (v1-2) The Word (Logos) as pre-existent he existed before all else The divine family before any of creation as we know it Absolute unity and diversity in the divine family



The Word and Creation (v3-5) All came into being through the Word The Word as the hand of God creating the world The Word as sustainer and redeemer Light and life continue to come through the Word







The Word Dwelling (Tenting) with us

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

The Word became flesh (sarx)

- * John does not say 'a person' or 'a body'
- * He uses the word 'flesh' which speaks of human fragility and vulnerability, human weakness
- Jesus is in complete solidarity with human weakness – this is incarnation in the fullest sense

He lived among us (v14)

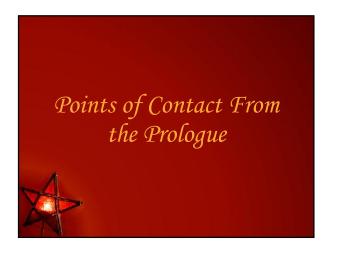
- * Lived is the word 'dwelled'; he tented with us
- A reference to the Exodus period when God tabernacles with the people – the tent of meeting

A Dwelling which revealed God's Glory

- * The Shekinah glory of God so much so that Moses could only see God's back (Exodus 33)
- So God's glory is revealed in Jesus dwelling with us

Father and Son Image (v146)

- The image of Word (Logos) and God is replaced by Father and Son
- * Picked up in v18 the Son is close to the Father's heart
- * The Son reveals in a full way the character and essence of God
- The Son from the very side/bosom of God (v18)



The Fullness of God's Love

- Jesus represents the fullness of God's love to us – 'grace' 4x
 - V14 "full of grace and truth"
 - V16 "from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace"
 - V17 "grace and truth through Jesus"
- Jesus represents the face of divine love and compassion

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. And we have seen his glory, the glory of an only Son coming from the Father, filled with enduring love. And of his fullness we have all had a share – love in place of love.

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God's Complete Solidarity

- God is traveling with us through Jesus
- * Identifies with us in our flesh/weakness
- Not a long distance God
- Wanting close relationship with us
- Pitches his tent here and now

An Invitation to Accept

- To accept (not resist) the overtures of Jesus described in the stories of John (like the woman at the well John 4)
- * To accept the love of the Triune God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit – and relationships of each person in the Trinity