



God With Us
John 1:1-18

John's Prologue



- * An attempt to show the identity of Jesus - even as Matthew 1 and Luke 3 demonstrate in the genealogies



I. A Portrait of
Jesus' Divinity

- * A connection between Jesus & Logos (v1-2)
- * Old Testament – 'Word' – Genesis 1 creation story
- * New Testament – 'Logos' – gives world order, meaning, a force which shapes the universe



Jesus as Logos *Four Characteristics*



1. Pre-existence or eternality of Christ
 - » "In the beginning was the word..." (v1,2)
 - » Word before all things (v3)
 - » Imagery of light (v4,5) is similar to creation story

So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

John 17:5



2. The Word is the Agent of Creation

- » The brush of creation (Proverbs 8:20-31)
- » All things came into being through the word (v3)

... for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him.

Colossians 1:16

3. Sustainer of Life

- » "What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people." (v3,4)
- » Life = 'Zoe' – the animation of being

Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

John 11:25

4. The Word (Logos) is equal with God

- » "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (v1)
- » "No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known." (v18)
- » Unity & diversity within the Divine community

Application of Jesus' Divinity

- * To be nurtured in our faith through this expression of the Godhead
- » Jesus is able to meet our needs – see connection between Jesus & Logos (v17)




* Jesus as our Hero & Guide

- » He came into darkness to give us light
- » The prologue of John gives us another lens to understand Jesus



II. A Portrait of Jesus' Humanity



1. In the Kairos moment the Logos came to earth

- » "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." (v14)
- » The advent moment – Jesus was born



2. Jesus takes on Flesh (v14)

- » Our fragility/weakness
- » Full identity and solidarity with humanity



3. Jesus Dwells with Us

- » He tabernacled among us
- » He 'lived among us' (v14)
- » Old Testament language - 'tent of meeting'
- » God's 'body language' amongst humanity (Luke 2:12)



III. Application of Divinity & Humanity

Incarnation is the Story of God



- * For us both divinity and humanity
- * It is the God-story
- * "No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known." (v18)

Do We Accept or Reject God's Story?



- * See his glory (v14)
- * Or reject him (v10,11)
- * To make our choice

The Invitation is to Become Children of God



- * "But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God," (v12)
- * Enter the joy of knowing God as his children

To Receive Jesus is to Love Him



- * Taste and see that the Lord is good
- * To become his witnesses