

## When God Became Man

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Scripture Passage: John 1:1-18

### Introduction:

- I. The Pre-Incarnate Word (1:1-5)
  - a. The Word in Eternity Past (1:1-2) – Pre-Existence, Distinctiveness, Divinity
  - b. The Word at Creation (1:3-5) – Creation, Life, Light
- II. The Forerunner of the Word (1:6-8)
  - a. John's Identity: John the Baptist (1:6) – not the Messiah nor the author
  - b. John's Mission: to testify about Jesus (1:7-8) – a lamp, not "the Light"
- III. The Reaction to the Word (1:9-13)
  - a. Rejection of the Word (1:9-11) – by the world and by His own people
  - b. Reception of the Word (1:12-13) – received by grace through faith
- IV. The Incarnation of the Word (1:14-18)
  - a. Word became flesh – Jesus was fully human and fully divine (1:14)
  - b. Supremacy of Christ: over John the Baptist and Old Testament Law (1:15-17)
  - c. Uniqueness of Christ: Only Jesus reveals God's Character (1:18)

Big Idea: In Christ, God became Man to offer us Eternal Life and reveal God's Character.

### Conclusion:

#### Reflection Questions:

1. According to John 1:1-18, who is the Word and what has He done?

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2. John 1:1-18, refers to Jesus as "the Word". What is implied by calling Jesus "the Word"?

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3. What do "light" and "darkness" symbolize in the Bible?

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4. What is implied by calling Jesus "the Light" in verses 4, 5 and 9?

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5. Given who the Word is and what He has done, how will it affect your priorities, actions and decisions in the coming week?

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