

The Stranger of Galilee

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: John 1:14-18.
- B. Eternally Jesus was the thought of God--the creative Word.
- C. In His ministry He was the giver of life to men.

II. The Word became flesh and dwelt among the people.

- A. This means that John saw Jesus tenting among the people.
- B. The glory that John saw in Jesus was...
 - 1. The Word made flesh.
 - a. Man has a capacity for God and this makes him unique.
 - b. The test of heresy is whether one acknowledges that Jesus was God made flesh.
 - 2. The glory of the only begotten Son of the Father.
 - a. The glory that John saw in Jesus was the exact glory of the Father's.
 - b. This is because the Son reflected the Father.
 - 3. Full of grace and truth in its nature.
 - a. Grace is the generosity of love.
 - b. Truth is the manifestation of reality--the unveiling of what is actually there.
 - c. Love is life, so grace is the source of life.
 - d. Truth is light.
- C. Men went out to hear John because their hearts were hungry.
- D. The tenting of Jesus recalls Israel's tenting in the wilderness. John is recounting the first time he learned who Jesus was.
- E. The Law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus.
 - 1. Law is demand.

2. Grace and truth is supply designed to meet the demands of the law.
3. The tabernacle in the Old Testament is a picture of Jesus--the place where God meets a person.
4. God has a daily supply of grace for the believer.
5. Love is the fulfilling of the law.
6. No one can find ultimate truth except in Jesus.

Application questions:

1. Which characteristic seen in Jesus by John stands out to you? Why?

2. Does fulfilling the law contradict grace? Explain.

3. What area in your life could use a special supply of God's grace? Spend some time in reflection and prayer asking God to meet you in that place.
