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Bible Doctrine 1 - Lesson 5

The Incarnation of Christ

John 1:1-2, 14

<u>Introduction</u>: The emphatic message of Christmas is that God became flesh. When Matthew wrote his gospel that he wrote to the Jew and presented Jesus as the King. When Mark wrote his gospel he wrote to the Roman and presented Jesus as the Servant. Luke writes his gospel to the Greek, and he presents Jesus as the Savior. When John wrote his gospel he wrote to the Jew and the Roman and presented Jesus as the Son of God and as God come in flesh.

Many scholars and Christians say that John does not include the birth of Jesus in his writings. Well, they are right if they are speaking of Bethlehem and angels and shepherds. They are wrong if they think that John does not deal with the birth of Christ. In John we very well may have the most needed truth about His birth. Yes, the world needs the King, the Servant, and the Savior. But there should never be a doubt that the world needs God. Think about this for a moment. There is not a situation in the world today that would not be changed if God were sought after. There is not a problem that humanity faces that would not be fixed if the person, presences, power, and principles of God were sincerely desired.

Matthew and Luke start with a virgin conceiving and include stars, angels, shepherds, wise men, and a manger. John goes farther back into history to tell the story. He goes to a time before time began. The others give the view from earth while John gives us the view from heaven. The message comes ringing out loud and clear, "God has come."

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