

**John 1:14-17**  
**Home Is Where You Pitch Your Tent**

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A. The Word-

The Eternal God John 1:1-3

B. The Importance of Human Flesh

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.” -1 John 1:1-3 ESV

Thomas Oden in his systematic theology quotes a Russian Catechism explaining the Incarnation “The Son of God took to himself human flesh without sin, and was made man, without ceasing to be God”. Oden goes on to explain “At once, God is man, man is God.” -Thomas Oden

C. God Made His Home with Us

Tent or tabernacle

“For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.” -2 Corinthians 5:1-5 ESV

A Tent Dwelling God

“After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent of witness in heaven was opened, and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests. And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever, and the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.” -Revelation 15:5-8 ESV

“Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the Lord would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise up, and each would stand at his tent door, and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the Lord would speak with Moses. And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door. Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.” -Exodus 33:7-11 ESV

“As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. And the priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord filled the Lord’s house. When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of the Lord on the temple, they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement and worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord, saying, “For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.”” -2 Chronicles 7:1-3 ESV

““Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne **will shelter** them with his presence.” -Revelation 7:15 ESV

“Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who  **dwell** in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”” -Revelation 12:12 ESV

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the  **dwelling place** of God is with man. He will  **dwell** with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.”  
Revelation 21:3 ESV

D. We Have Seen His Glory

“This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.” -John 2:11 ESV

“But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.””

John 11:4 ESV

“And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.” -John 17:5 ESV

““I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.” -John 17:20-24 ESV

## 2. Another Reminder about John the Baptist 15

### A. Again the Power of Witness

John 1:6-8

### B. Jesus came before and ranks higher

## 3. We Have Received Grace Upon Grace 16-17

### A. His Fullness

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).”

Matthew 1:21-23 ESV

-Isaiah 7:14

### B. Grace

14, 16, 17 and not again

“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.”

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 ESV

“since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth,” -Colossians 1:4-6 ESV

“St. Augustine says ‘God gives where He finds empty hands.’ A man whose hands are full of parcels can’t receive a gift.” CS Lewis, *Letters to an American Lady*

### C. Moses and the Law

### D. Jesus- Grace and Truth

“For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.” -Isaiah 57:15 ESV

“Christianity is the only religion whose God bears the scars of evil.”  
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*Reflection: Let the reality sink in a little deeper of Jesus not only taking on human flesh but allowing His body to be nailed to the cross for you. How would this help you to tell someone else about Jesus more fully?*

## ***Follow UP in the Word through the Week...***

**Monday:** 1 John 1:1-3. Why was it so important that John tells his reader that they touched Jesus?

**Tuesday:** Matthew 1:18-25. What impresses you most with Matthew’s account of Jesus’ birth?

**Wednesday:** Luke 2:1-20. What impresses you most with Luke’s account of Jesus’ birth?

**Thursday:** John 1:14-18. Celebrate God’s amazing plan to save you today!

**Friday:** Matthew 2:1-12. What contrasts to you see between Herod and Jesus?

**Saturday:** Matthew 2:13-23. What did Jesus experience early in life according to Matthew’s account?