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John 1:14
- 2  **V. The Word Was Made Flesh**
 - “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” - Verse 14
- 3  **The doctrine of the Incarnation: The devil’s playground!**
 - Heresies during the first five centuries of the existence of the early church
 - Jesus did not have a human spirit
 - that Jesus was a created being
 - the Docetists
 - There exist yet today, many satanic attacks on the doctrine of the incarnation
 - The Jehovah’s Witnesses
 - extremist charismatic groups
 - Modern liberals
- 4  **A true and accurate view of Jesus Christ as divine and human an essential mark of true salvation!**
 - John 20:30-31
 - The prologue of John’s Gospel
 - I John 1:1-3
 - I John 2:22-24
 - I John 4:1-3; 14
 - I John 5:1, 5, 10-12, 20
 - II John 3, 7, 9
- 5  **A summary of the significance of the incarnation referred to in John 1:14 by John MacArthur:**
 - “Verse 14 is the most concise biblical statement of the Incarnation, and therefore one of Scripture’s most significant verses. The four words with which it begins, *the Word became flesh*, express the reality that in the Incarnation God took on humanity; the infinite became finite; eternity entered time; the invisible became visible (cf. Col. 1:15); the Creator entered His creation.
- 6  **A summary of the significance of the incarnation referred to in John 1:14 by John MacArthur:**
 - God revealed Himself to man in the creation (Rom. 1:18-21), the Old Testament Scriptures (II Tim. 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21), and, supremely and most clearly, in Jesus Christ (Heb. 1:1-2). The record of His life and work, and its application and significance for the past, present, and future, is in the New Testament.”
- 7  **A Sense of the Shattering newness of this sentence to the original hearers**
Junius the Younger - A powerful testimony!
- 8  **“He Tabernacled among us”**
 - “... as John wrote this verse he was doubtlessly referring to the great days of Israel’s desert wanderings ...”
James Boice
 - “We know that John was making this contrast because of an unusual word that occurs in the verse.”
- 9  **“He Tabernacled among us”**
 - “The word refers beyond any question to the portable wilderness tabernacle ...”
 - Many of the functions of the tabernacle were “previews of the functions Jesus Christ would fulfill when He eventually pitched his tent among us.”

- 10  ***Some important parallels between the O.T. tabernacle and the Lord Jesus who “tabernacled among us”***
- The tabernacle was the center of Israel’s encampment
 - Numbers 1:50 *The priests of Israel [the Levites] dwelt closest to the tabernacle. Their tents were pitched in the immediate vicinity of the tabernacle.*
 - Numbers 2 *Around the Levites were gathered the twelve tribes of Israel: three on either side, three to the north, and three to the south.*
- 11  ***Some important parallels between the O.T. tabernacle and the Lord Jesus who “tabernacled among us”***
- There is great spiritual significance here, because Jesus Christ is our tabernacle, and He is the center of the Christian encampment. He is our gathering place.
 - John 12:23 *“... But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.”*
 - Matthew 18:20 *“...where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”*
- 12  ***The tabernacle was the dwelling of God***
- In the tabernacle, in the Holy of Holies, between the outstretched wings of the cherubim on the Ark of the Covenant, there was the shekinah glory that symbolized God’s presence!
 - *“We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, Who came from the Father.”*
- 13  ***The tabernacle was the place where the law of Moses was preserved***
- The stone tablets with the ten commandments written upon them were kept in the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies in the tabernacle.
- 14  ***The tabernacle was the place where the law of Moses was preserved***
- This also speaks of Christ, Who is the perfect fulfillment of the Law!
 - John 8:29 *“... I always do what pleases him.”*
 - Psalm 40:8 *“... I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”*
- 15  ***The tabernacle was the place where sacrifices were made***
- Hebrews 9:22 *“In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.”*
 - John. 14:16 *“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*
 - John 1:29 *“Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”*
- 16  ***The tabernacle was the place where God met with men***
- God met with men and spoke with them in the tabernacle, and this is why it was called “the tent of meeting” in the O. T.
 - John 1:18 [Amplified Bible] *“No man has ever seen God at any time; the only unique Son, or the only begotten God, Who is in the bosom [in the intimate presence] of the Father, He has declared Him [He has revealed Him and brought Him out where He can be seen; He has interpreted Him and He has made Him known].”*
 - James Boice uses the illustration of a mint, in which coins are manufactured.
- 17  ***The tabernacle was where the people of God worshiped***
- The people of God brought their sacrifices and gifts to this place. They brought their questions to this place and received instruction from God here.
- 18  ***The tabernacle was where the people of God worshiped***
- In the same way, we Christians gather around the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is our tabernacle! It is He who regulates our worship and receives our sacrifices and our gifts, our worship and our praise and our service!
 - It is through Christ alone that we have access by one Spirit unto the Father [Eph. 2:18].

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