

**Imitating Jesus Christ:
His Extraordinary Mission**

John 1:14-18

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John, in this Prologue to his Gospel, which is an amazingly rich theological treatise, brings into focus for us the **majesterial greatness** of Jesus Christ. In particular, John is defining for us the shape of Christ's **Extraordinary Being** (vv. 1-5), and of His **Extraordinary Mission** (vv. 14-18).

Alongside of Jesus Christ, all other so-called “gods” topple to the ground just like the ancient Philistine “god,” Dagon, when placed before “the ark of the LORD” in Ashdod. “And when the people of Ashdod arose early in the morning, there was Dagon fallen on its face to the earth before the ark of the LORD.” (1 Samuel 5:3)

To accomplish His redemptive mission, Jesus Christ was willing to take **several extraordinary and sacrificial steps**. Each of them is a reason to celebrate and worship Him with all our human powers. And what He did in His redemptive mission in our behalf, we should **learn to imitate** in behalf of others. **So what are these redemptive steps?**

1. He Renounced Comfort – “was made flesh” (v. 14).

2. He Befriended Sinners – “dwelt among us” (v. 14).

3. He Satisfied Needs – “full of grace and truth” (v. 14).

4. He Bestowed Riches – “of His fullness we have all received” (v. 16).

5. He Exegeted God – “He has declared Him” (v.18).