

# God Incarnate

John 1:14-18

## Introduction

**The manifestation of the Son of God in human flesh.**

This is John's thesis statement: *Eternal God became Man*

## The vilification of the Incarnation

*Docetism* –

*Arianism* –

*Modalism* –

## The verification of the Incarnation

1 John 2:22-23

Paul agrees: 1 Timothy 3:16

As does Peter: 1 Peter 1:20

**This *God Incarnate* confession is the crucial test of true doctrine:**

1 John 4:1-3, 6

1 John 4:12a, 14-15

1 John 5:20

**v14**

***“And the Word became flesh”*** Gk *sarx*;

**It is not enough to say that Jesus was only a perfect man without sin. At the same time He is fully God.**

John 8:58

John 10:30

John 14:9

Titus 2:13

Hebrews 7:26

1 Peter 2:22

1 John 3:5

***“and dwelt among us”***

1 John 1:1-3

***“we have seen his glory”***

**Literally, the manifestation of the whole Being of God, His *power*, His *personality* and His *properties*.**

John 2:11

Matthew 17:1-3

2 Peter 1:16-18

***“glory as of the Son of God from the Father”***

*“Son of God from the Father”* Gk *monogenes*

Matthew 8:28-29

Mark 3:11

Matthew 14:33

Luke 1:35

Matthew 27:54

John 1:49

Acts 9:19-20

John 20:31

***“full of grace and truth”***

**The ability to receive *grace* is predicated on embracing revealed *truth*. They necessarily go together.**

**v15**

**v16**

***“from his fullness”***

Colossians 2:9-10

**To behold His majestic glory is breathtaking. But to *possess* His infinite grace is cause for rejoicing!**

***“we have all received”***

**Jesus did not come to manifest God only, but to grant the very possession of His divine nature!**

2 Peter 1:3-4; cp Hebrews 2:14

**God is not only revealing Himself to us, He is literally giving Himself to us.**

God revealed Himself to us in the life of Jesus, and He gave Himself to us in the death of His Son.

And from Him we receive *pardon, possession, purity, and power.*

***“grace upon grace”***

We stand in His infinite grace (Romans 5) because we abide in Him (John 14).

### **Law and Grace Contrasted**

#### **v17**

John 5:45

**Law:** rigid, inflexible, merciless, compassionless.

**Grace:** rich in mercy, great in love, forgiving, inexhaustible, endless.

The law is written with inanimate words on tablets of stone.

Jesus Christ is the living Word written on hearts of flesh.

John 12:44-47

#### **v18**

***“made him known”***

John 3:17-18