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Fourth Baptist Church

When the Infinite Became an Infant

John 1:1-14

The Gospel of John takes us back to the beginning, and tells us
that Jesus Christ had no beginning. He is the infinite God.

I.   The _____ of the Word (1-5)

The "logos" was that which had always existed, had never
changed, and was always true. The "logos" was the unidentifi-
able abstract principle of origin and order in the universe.

   A. He is _____ (1-2)

   B. He is _____ (1-2)

   C. He is _____ (3; Col. 1:16-17)

   D. He is _____ & _____ (4-5)

II. The _____ of the Word (6-10, 14; Heb. 1:1-3)

III. The _____ to the Word (10-13)

   A. He is _____ (10)

   B. He is _____ (11)

   C. He must be _____ (12-13)

Therefore . . . we all with one accord teach men to acknowledge one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at once complete in Godhead and complete in manhood, truly God and truly man, consisting also of a reasonable soul and body; of one substance with the Father as regards his Godhead, and at the same time of one substance with us as regards his manhood; like us in all respects, apart from sin; as regards his Godhead, begotten of the Father before the ages, but yet as regards his manhood begotten, for us men and for our salvation, of Mary the Virgin, the God-bearer; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, recognized in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being in no way annulled by the union, but rather the characteristics of each nature being preserved and coming together to form one person and subsistence, not as parted or separated into two persons, but one and the same Son and Only-begotten God the Word, Lord Jesus Christ; even as the prophets from earliest times spoke of him, and our Lord Jesus Christ himself taught us.

- Council of Chalcedon, A.D. 451

The infinite became the finite, the eternal entered time and became subject to its conditions, the immutable became mutable, the invisible became visible, the Creator became created, the sustainer of all became dependent, the Almighty became infirm. God became man that he may die, and by his death destroy the works of the devil and take away our sin.

- John Murray