

THE MOST UNIQUE EVENT IN HUMAN HISTORY

John 1:14-18

When a truly _____ one-of-a-kind event occurs, it takes more time and effort to put it together in our minds
The _____ of Jesus that we celebrate at the Christmas season is the most unique event in human history

I. THE MOST UNIQUE EVENT IN HUMAN HISTORY

A. "The Word ..."

1) Who is the Word?

a) According to John 1:1, "The Word was _____"

b) According to the remainder of John 1 and the Gospel of John, _____ is the Word

2) What is a Word?

1) John makes the complex _____: "Word" summarizes the function of the 2nd person of the Trinity

2) A word is a means of _____; a word reveals _____

B. "Became Flesh"

1) When the Son became man, it was a moment of _____; He became what He never was before

2) The word "flesh" indicates that Jesus had a fully _____ nature, including a human body

3) John 1:14 teaches THE most basic truth about Jesus Christ—He is _____ God and _____ Man

II. JOHN'S OBSERVATION OF THE MOST UNIQUE EVENT IN HUMAN HISTORY

A. "Dwelt" can be translated "tabernacled" or "tented" and points to the OT _____

B. "We Beheld His Glory" points back to the Shekinah _____ of God that filled the tabernacle in the OT

1) As _____ tries to make sense of the most unique event in history, he harks back to this OT story

2) When did John see the Shekinah glory displayed in the human body of Jesus? At the _____

C. "Dwelt among us" + "We beheld" emphasize John's up close and personal _____ of Jesus

III. THE UNIQUENESS OF THIS EVENT IN HUMAN HISTORY

A. "The Glory of the Only Begotten of the Father"

1) The glory that John beheld at the transfiguration was the glory of the _____ child of God the Father

2) Some modern versions of the Bible translate "only begotten" as "the one and _____"

3) V. 12 introduces a _____: by receiving Jesus we can become the sons of God and yet according to v. 14 Jesus is the only child of God the Father! Both are true, but Jesus remains the unique Son

B. "The Glory of the Only Begotten FROM the Father" speaks of the unique _____ of the Son

1) "Full of grace and truth" summarizes the mission of Jesus: His mission is also _____

2) He is the most unique person in history, so He has the most unique _____ to minister to us