

INTRODUCTION

1. "A Xn believes that Jesus is God incarnate" - agree? Precise: "Jesus is the incarnation of the Son of God."
2. SS - Jn 1:1-3 & touched on v14 - last reference to Logos. In Jn, Jesus presents Himself, not so much as God, but as the Son of God - equal w/ God - Jn 5:18. Many religions claim that their deity has come to earth, manifest as man. The Deity of Scripture is Triune & it is the Son of God, Logos, who was incarnated.

1st: The Incarnation of the Logos - Jn 1:14a-b

1. *Word became flesh*: Creator enfleshed in omnipotence - Rm 4:17. The living God gives living light & life: *the way, the truth & the life*.
 - i. Jn 1:4-5 divine Logos: life, light, overcoming darkness
 - ii. v6-8 JnB [Isa & Mal] = witness, testify
 - iii. v9-13 extensive rejection - yet those born of God believe in Jesus.
 - iv. v14 back to v1 re: logos; v15 JnB [Jn 1:19f]
 - v. v16-17 advancement of revelation from OCov to NCov
 - vi. v18 - concludes prolog w/ assertion of Jesus' essential deity.
2. v14 - unprecedented act of God. *dwelt among us* = tabernacled [Ex 40:34-38]
3. Jesus' body = God's temple - Jn 2:19-22.

2nd: The Glory of the Only-Begotten God - v14a-b

1. *We* [apostles] *saw His glory* [2x] = radiance of deity [Heb 1:1-3]. Glory seen yet veiled in humility - 1Jn1:1-5.
2. *His glory* - whose? Glory is that of *the only begotten* Son of God.
 - i. 1 Jn 4:9 light & life - *love of God* = sent "monogenes": only begotten
 - ii. Jn 3:16 where is God's love given? In only begotten Son He sent to world
3. *glory as of the only begotten* - a glory unique to the only-begotten One
 - i. Some interp as synonym of *beloved* [Lk 3:22], but "monogenes" speaks to Son's divine nature: Jn 1:1-2. Logos & 'monogenes' speak of God's being.

- ii. Very difficult: "monogenes" is *from the Father*: a divine fathering w/i Godhead - "eternal generation". We worship. Incomprehensible.

4. The "monogenes" is *from the Father* = 1st use of "Father" - defined in relation to Logos w/i Godhead. It was the "monogenes" who the Father sent into to world. The Father sent the Son.
5. Our knowledge of Trinity depends on faith in Jesus: sent; descend-ascend
 - i. Jn 3:13 descended; v34 - sent
 - ii. Jn 5:36 - sent to do God's works
 - iii. Jn 6:38 - true manna & true drink; v46 seen Father, from God
 - iv. Jn 7:28-29 - intimate knowledge of Father [Jn 1:1, 18]
 - v. Jn 8:42 - Messianic Mission: Son of Man, Son of David - Son of God
 - vi. Jn 11:42 - ability to raise dead evidences *sent* => Jesus is Son of God
 - vii. Jn 16:28 - ascent -> cross, res [A1:3], ascent to throne; reigns, to return
6. *we saw His glory, as of the only begotten from the Father* - Jn 17:1, 5, 24

3rd: The Grace and Truth of the Only-Begotten God - Jn 1:14c

1. See *grace & truth* - the *fullness* is Jesus: Col 2:9
2. Jn 1:15 insert JnB's testimony, then v16-17 = parallels *grace & truth* of v 14.
 - i. *of His fullness we have all received* - v11-13. *Receive Him* - by believing
 - ii. *grace upon grace* parallels v17: 1st *grace* - thru Moses & 2nd *grace* thru Jesus [1st mention of Jesus]. Promises *given* in OCov are *realized*, fulfilled in Jesus.
3. God's saving acts are advanced in *the only begotten God* - v18

Applic #1: Who Is Jesus Christ?

1. Jesus asks [Lk 9:20]: *but who do you say that I am?* Jn records several people answering that question: Philip 1:45; Nathanael 1:49; Nicodemus 3:2; wmn at well 4:19; Samaritans 4:42]: 7:40-41 - 8:25a; 8:53c. Blind man 9:17; 10:20.
 - i. Martha - 11:27; Thomas - 20:28
 - ii. Who is Jesus? The Divine Son of God the Father = His person.
2. Why are you being told about Jesus? 20:30-31.