Scripture:	John 1:1-18
Singing:	261:1-3 – 290:1, 2, 6, 7 – 304:1-2 – 306:3-4 – 362:1, 3

GOD'S DWELLING AMONG US I. Astonishing truth II. Humbling truth III. Revealing truth

I. God's dwelling among us is a most astonishing truth

A. John's words are so simple, yet it remains indescribable: *God in the flesh* 1. The *uncreated and eternal* Word was *made* or *became* (vs. 1, 14)

- 2. John has so much to say about our God (vs. 1, 18)
 - a. God and the Word were together
 - b. The Word is God's thoughts made known
 - c. The Word is God Himself
 - Jesus confirmed this constantly: 5:17-18, 19; 14:10,11; 17:5
- B. This is the most astonishing truth: God came to dwell among us

II. God's dwelling among us is a humbling truth

- A. The Word become *flesh*
 - 1. John did not write: He became man but flesh
 - 2. Rest of Gospels tells us more about His 'flesh' (Romans 8:3)
- B. The Word *dwelt among us*

1. Jesus' coming in the flesh is ultimate 'tabernacle' (Ex. 25:8)

2. John connected to *His dwelling among us* with beholding His glory!

III. God's dwelling among us is a revealing truth

- A. The Bible is not an amazing story: it is *amazing revelation of His message!*1. God's Word is *revelation of God and His way of glory*
 - a. it is to bring face to face with your God and Creator

b. facing Him and what we did is cause for weeping

- B. God's Word is message of hope to self-abhorring sinners
 - 1. He came to dwell among to be a Savior by taking the condemnation
 - 2. He came to dwell among us to receives sinners and take their place a. there is hope for you 'whosoever you are'

Living the truth ...

- A. Will He refuse to receive you?
 - 1. Those are the dark doubts Satan lodged within you
 - 2. Those that receive Him, will becomes God's child (John 1:12-13)

Thoughts and Truths About Jesus' Incarnation

The Son of God became the Son of Man in order that the sons of men might become the sons of God.

When Jesus came to earth, it was not His Godhood He laid aside. He laid aside His glory.

Christ became what we are that He might make us what He is.

Christ took our flesh upon Him that He might take our sins upon Him.