

Sermon Series: **The Gospel of Mark**
Sermon Title: **The Word Became Flesh, Pt. II**
Sermon Text: **John 1:1, 14**

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I. THE DIVINE MAJESTY OF THE WORD

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a powerful declaration of his identity as the eternally divine Word of God.

A. HIS PRE-EXISTENCE

In the beginning was the Word,

1. Importance of *Was*
was = continued existence vs was in Jn 8:58

2. Significance of *Word*
Logos

B. HIS CO-EXISTENCE

and the Word was with God,

1. Most Intense Intimacy
Uniqueness of intimacy

2. Indication of Equality

3. Doctrine of Trinity
Distinction of Persons within the Godhead

C. HIS SELF-EXISTENCE

and the Word was God.

climax of this opening salvo of theological and Christological truth.

1. What Was Deliberate

2. What Was Denied
several heresies

II. THE DESCENDING MANIFESTATION OF THE WORD

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recall Jn 6:33, 41, 42, 58 – the Bread of Life that has come down from heaven; that was sent by the Father

A. THE SHOCKING PROCLAMATION

the Word became flesh

1. The Forceful Expression

Phil 2:5-8

2. The Fullest Extent

B. THE SATISFIED PASSION

and dwelt among us.

God's desire to be with his people, from Eden to the New Heaven and Earth, Rev 21:1-3; etc. The Word that is God now dwells with his people. Affirms doctrine of Trinity. Jn 1:18. Ex 25:8, 9; etc.

Hail th'Incarnate Deity,

Pleased as man with men to dwell,

Jesus, our Emmanuel"

"True God of true God, Light of light eternal,

Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb,

Son of the Father, Begotten, not created;"

1. The Restraints Are Removed

now have full access to God through him, Lev 16; Jn 14:6; Eph 2:18; Rom 5:2; Heb 10:19, 20
the fears and dangers of approaching God are removed, Ex 19:12, 13, 21-25; Ex 30:21; Num 10:1, 2; Lev 16:2; 22:9

2. The Relationship Is Restored

reconciliation with God through Christ. Rom 5:10, 11; 2 Cor 5:18-20; Eph 2:14-16; Col 1:20; etc.
with God, with man, and with the rest of the world.

3. The Redeemer Is Revealed

Gal 3:13; 4:4, 5; Tit 2:14; Rom 3:24; Eph 1:7; etc.

C. THE SUPREME PRIVILEGE

and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Further evidences of the divinity of Christ.

1. Of Seeing His Glory

the Shekinah glory. The outward manifestation of God's most excellent attributes. Ex 33:18, 22; 40:34-38; Num 16:19; Dt 5:24; 1 Ki 8:10; Lk 2:9, Jn 2:11. Climaxing glory – on the cross, 12:16, 23, 27, 28, 33. Pre-existing glory, 17:4, 5, 10. Eschatological glory, Rev 21:10, 11, 23

as of the only Son from the Father – the distinctive glory.

2. Of Seeing His Goodness

full of grace and truth.

Recall Ex 33; 34. *Hesed* and truth/faithfulness. The nature of God's goodness. God's covenant loyalty and faithfulness find ultimate expression in the incarnate God, Jesus Christ.