

### 1:12-13

**But as many beyond “His own” (1:11). as received Him, to them He gave the right the authority. to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13<sup>r</sup>who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.** Not through their desire or choice. Behind our “receiving” (verse 12) was God’s choosing. This is seen in John 6:63 as well. Both enablement and authority are necessary to become a child of God. John 6:63 speaks of enablement while John 1:12 speaks of authority. John 6:37-44 speak of this same reality in that you will not come to Christ without the Father’s enablement.

This “birth” linked to “belief” is also found in John 3:3-15.

### 1:14

**<sup>s</sup>And the Word that “was God” (verse 1) and created all things (verses 2 and 3) became <sup>u</sup>flesh and dwelt among us, and <sup>v</sup>we beheld His glory,** amazing given the chart under 1:16-18 since the countenance of Cain was fallen in Genesis 4 and now we look into the face of God and find glory.

However when we see that Isaiah saw Christ’s glory in the temple (comparing Isaiah 6:1-10 with John 12:37-40). Moreover, the idea of “holy” speaks of an “other-ness” and the angelic beings of Isaiah 6 were covering their faces and saying “we don’t belong together!” And **we beheld His glory?** We don’t belong with Him, but he **dwelt among us!** Get that! The angels around the throne are saying “we are not worthy of you,” and Revelation 4 seems to be a replay: for 2700 years (if Revelation 4 is still future) the angels have been talking about how they are not worthy to be in the presence of this Holy God. They cry “you don’t belong with us (You’re Holy!)” which is essentially “You’re too good for us!” Think about the One Who “made all things” (John 1:2-3) not belonging among those things. He is outside the system and above the rules and above the system, and He **was made flesh.**

	Isaiah	John
The Word sent out/returned	55:11	1:14-18
The glory of God seen/unseen	6:1-4	1:14
John the Baptist & His Message	40:1-11	1:22
Jesus as the Lamb of God	53:7	1:29
The Spirit of God resting on Christ	11:2; 42:1; 61:1	1:33
Prophet from Nazareth	11:1	1:46
“Son of God”/“King of Israel”	9:6-7	1:49
Jesus identified from Isaiah 6	6:10	12:40-41

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<sup>r</sup>James 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:23; 1 John 3:9

<sup>s</sup>Matt. 1:16

<sup>u</sup>Heb. 2:11

<sup>v</sup>Is. 40:5

**the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.** Used again in verse 17. He is full of these and brings them both.

**Dwelt among us** In the chart below you can see the clear connection between Exodus and John and the reader would have seen them all readily. Meanwhile, we see that this is a clear reference not only to Isaiah as we've discussed but also to Exodus (25:8-9; 40:34-38).

	Exodus	John
Law from Moses; Grace, Christ	20:1-14	1:17
God dwells among men	40:1-34	1:14
God's Lamb	12:6	1:29
Water into another	7:14	2:9
House purified from leaven	12:19	2:13-17
Death of the Lamb on Passover	12:1-14	19:14

**we beheld His glory** We know that **glory** was a cloud on a traveling tent, but here is God showing up in a flesh and blood tent and John says they saw His **glory**. Now, if this is the Mount of Transfiguration, it is the only mention of it in His Gospel (whereas it is recorded in its relative entirety in the other three. John 2:11 tells us that the miracles were, in part, a revelation of this **glory** [a promise was given to the sister of Lazarus that she would “see the **glory** of God” (11:39-40)].

After Judas leaves the room in betrayal, the Son of Man is described as **glorified** (John 13:30-31). The brightest **glory** of God in Christ that was “beheld” in the Gospel by those left behind in the upper room was that which abode on Jesus when He was betrayed and the story of love was, humanly speaking, set in motion through the horrific disappointment of a so-called friend. The very weight of **glory** (2 Corinthians 4:17) set on Christ at the very darkest time in His earthly life, and so it is with us.

*1 Peter 4:12 Dear friends, do not be astonished that a trial by fire is occurring among you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice in the degree that you have shared in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice and be glad. 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory, who is the Spirit of God, rests on you.*

In the greatest tragedy ever, we find the **glory** of God.