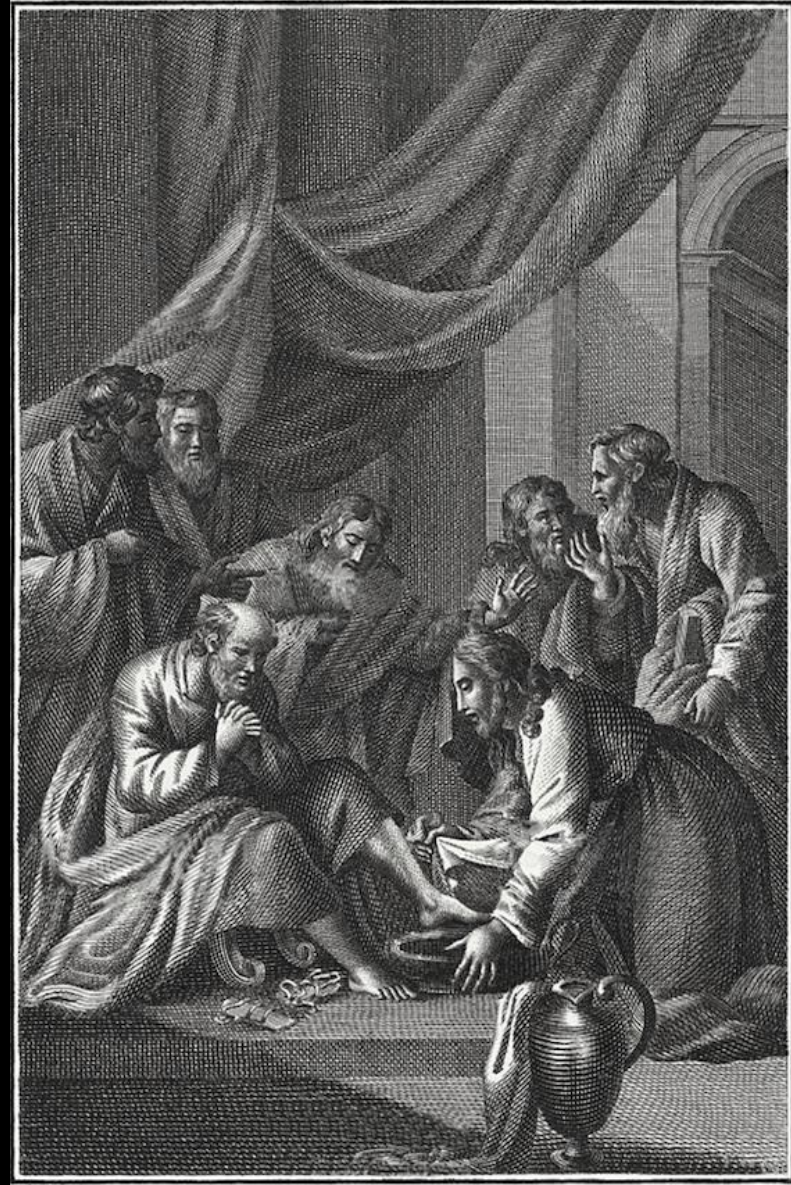


The Gospel of John



Introduction

Macarthur: Verse 14 is the most concise biblical statement of the Incarnation, and therefore one of Scripture's most significant verses (MNTC, 1:39)

Mark Jones—"The incarnation is God's greatest wonder, one that no creature could ever have imagined...It has justly been called the miracle of all miracles." (Knowing Christ, 25)

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James Ussher of Ireland—“[the incarnation is the] highest pitch of God’s wisdom, goodness, power, and glory” (Knowing Christ, 25)

Thomas Goodwin—when the son became flesh, “heaven and earth met and kissed one another, namely, God and man” (Knowing Christ, 25)

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Herman Bavinck— “it is completely incomprehensible to us how God can reveal himself and to some extent make himself known in created beings: eternity in time, immensity in space, infinity in finite, immutability in change, being in becoming, the all, as it were, in that which is nothing. This mystery cannot be comprehended; it can only be gratefully acknowledged.” (Knowing Christ, 25)

John 1:1~18

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

5 And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. 6 There was a man having been sent from God, whose name was John.

7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the Light, so that all might believe through him.

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8 He was not the Light, but *he came to bear witness about the Light*. 9 There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens everyone.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

11 He came to what was His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even to those who believe in His name*, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 John bore witness about Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has been ahead of me, for He existed before me.’”

16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. 17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

The Arrival of the Word

1. Identity of the Word (vv. 1~2)
2. Work of the Word (vv. 3~5)
3. Witness to the Word (vv. 6~8)
4. Response to the Word (vv. 9~13)

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- B. What came to be through the Word: Creation (v. 3)
- C. What we have received from the Word: Life (v. 4~5)
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- H. BECAME CHILDREN OF GOD (v. 12b)
- G. Those who believed in the Word (v. 12c)
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- E. Incarnation & Response of the Community (v. 14)
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The Incarnation of the Word (vv.14~18)

1. The Possession of Human Nature

What a wonder is it, that two natures infinitely distant, should be more intimately united than anything in the world...That the same person should have both a glory and a grief; an infinite joy in the Deity, and an inexpressible sorrow in the humanity! That a God upon a throne should be an infant in a cradle. That the thundering Creator be a weeping babe and a suffering man. These are such expressions of mighty power, as well as condescending love, that they astonish men upon earth, and angels in heaven.” (Stephen Charnock)

The Incarnation of the Word (vv.14~18)

1. The Possession of Human Nature
2. The Presence of God with Man
3. The Perception of the Glory of God
4. The Provision of Grace and Truth
5. The Proclamation of God the Father

Valley of Vision

What shall I render to you for the gift of gifts, your own dear Son?

Herein is wonder of wonders:

he came below to raise me above,
was born like me that I might become like him.

Herein is love; when I cannot rise to him he draws near on wings of
grace, to raise me to himself.

Herein is power; when Deity and humanity were infinitely apart, he
united them in indivisible unity, the uncreated and the created.

Valley of Vision

Herein is wisdom; when I was undone, with no will to return to him, and no intellect to devise recovery, he came, God-incarnate, to save me to the uttermost, as man to die my death, to shed satisfying blood on my behalf, to work out a perfect righteousness for me!...

Let me hear good tidings of great joy, and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise, adore, my conscience bathed in an ocean of repose, my eyes lifted up to a reconciled Father!

Place me with ox, donkey, camel, goat, to look with them upon my Redeemer's face, and in him account myself delivered from sin!

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