**GOD THE SON - THE INCARNATION**

**John 1:1-5, 10-14**

The Incarnation -

The Logos, the Word of God

Come down to man from the glory of heaven

Not only come **to** man, but come to **be** man

**God himself**, taking the form of His creation

The Son of God, taking on human flesh

God incarnate -

God in the flesh - **Immanuel - God with us**

The Son of God, come into the world as a little child - a baby

Sent to us with the awesome task of delivering all mankind from their sins

A life given **to us** -

- to be given **for us** -

I...and the Word became flesh...

The Word **was** God

did not **become** God

preexistent, already there

John 8:58 - ".. before Abraham was, I am."

God come in the flesh

- some thought the flesh evil

- rejected the humanity of Jesus

His humanity is necessary

- like us, but no sin

Through his humanity he could become the propitiation, the payment for our sins

He didn't just pay for our sins

He was the payment

II...and dwelt among us..

He `tabernacled'

He took on himself a tent of skin

- the tent of human skin

- He took unto himself the body of a man

The tabernacle and the Temple

- where God dwelt

- where the shekinah glory of God resided

- in the Holy of Holies

When he died the veil was rent top to bottom

- nothing there

- the glory of God had departed the temple

III...and we beheld His glory..

Personal experience

John had seen Jesus glorified on the Mount of Transfiguration

He was speaking of subjective fact

”That which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled..." The Word of God - I John 1:1

They **saw** him

- they experienced him -

- not through some vision, but right there

- in the flesh

The **one and only son** of the Father

- God made Adam

- but He fathered Jesus

..**in him was life, and the and that life was the light of men**.

- the light that would shine into all men's lives and light their way from the darkness of sin

Philippians 2:5-11

That light has come, and no matter what men have done through the centuries to extinguish it, it still burns brightly.

Just as the light from his star drew the wise men to worship him, still today, his light is ever present, drawing each of us to him

Drawing each of us to proclaim the birth of our Lord and Savior

Drawing us to kneel at the feet of him who lived, died and rose again, that we might know him as our Lord

- our Savior

- our God.

DISCUSSION

Scriptures: John 1:1-5, 10-14; John 8:58; I John 1:1;

Philippians 2:5-11

1. Do you believe (understand) that Jesus is God?
2. Are you fully able to worship Him as your Lord and Savior?
3. Have you fully committed your whole being to Him?