

## **“THE MEANING AND VALUE OF CHRIST’S INCARNATION” (John 1:14-18)**

### **I. THE PROLOGUE: INTRODUCING JESUS CHRIST (1:1-18)**

#### **A. The IDENTITY of JESUS CHRIST (1:1-5)**

#### **B. The ILLUMINATION of JESUS CHRIST (1:6-13)**

#### **C. The INCARNATION of JESUS CHRIST (1:14-18)**

##### 1. The *Meaning* of Christ’s Incarnation (1:14-15)

a) “The Word became flesh” means that Christ took on a \_\_\_\_\_ when He was conceived in Mary’s womb.

*\* Does the word “flesh” (sarx) mean that Christ took on only a physical body?*

*\* Does the word “became” (egeneto) mean that Christ ceased being God?*

*\* Why are the false doctrines of Docetism, Arianism, Eutychianism, and Nestorianism imbalanced?*

b) The fact that Jesus Christ “dwelt” (*skēnē*) among humanity (“us”) and that His “glory” (*doxa*) was seen by the disciples (“we”) means that He is the new \_\_\_\_\_ (Exod. 25:8-9 LXX).

*\* What was the purpose of this in the Old Testament?*

*\* How is this also demonstrated in Jesus Christ? (Luke 2:9; 9:31; Rev. 21:23)*

c) Jesus Christ manifested God’s glory by displaying \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Exod. 33:18-19; 34:5-6)

*\* How did Christ do this?*

*\* What role does the testimony of John the Baptist play in verse 15?*

2. The *Value* of Christ's Incarnation (1:16-18)

a) As believers in Christ, we receive grace \_\_\_\_\_ (*anti*) grace. (1:16)

*\* What does the Word of God teach about God's supply of grace toward you as a believer?*

b) Since the incarnation of Christ, the Law of Moses has been \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by a new economy of God's grace. (1:17)

c) Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ (*exēgeomai*) of the Father.

*\* Does the term for "only begotten" (monogenēs) mean that Christ was created?*

*\* What does it mean that Christ "is in the bosom of the Father"?*

*\* What difference does the incarnation of Christ make for you?*