

WHY DID THE WORD BECOME FLESH? John 1:1-2,14

Jesus Became Like Us So We Could Become Like Him Bill Turner

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

1. One of the most profound statements about Jesus, an incredible truth
 2. The Word became Flesh and Dwelt Among us — But Why?
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10 REASONS JESUS DWELT AMONG US IN HUMAN FORM

A. TO FULFILL PROPHECY—A PROMISE... (Isa 7:14; 9:6)

1. To Fulfill the Promise of Prophecy

- a) There are over 300 prophecies specifically concerning the Messiah
- b) Specific Prophecies concerning His Birth... events no person could control...
- c) Born in Bethlehem, Herod killing the male children (Jeremiah), of lineage of David,
- d) Specific Prophecies Concerning His Life, Teaching, Miracles, Death, Resurrection

2. As Jesus fulfilled each one of these prophecies,

- a) the Mathematical Odds Increased Exponentially Identifying Who He Truly is...

3. The likelihood of just eight prophecies being fulfilled is:

one chance in one hundred million billion!

- a) That number is millions of times greater than the total number of people who have ever walked the planet.
- b) If you took this number of silver dollars, they would cover the state of Texas to a depth of two feet! If you marked one silver dollar among them and had a blindfolded person bend down and pick up one coin, what are the odds he would choose the marked currency?

4. Mathematician Peter W. Stoner computed that the probability of fulfilling

- (1) 48 specific prophecies of Christ was one chance in a trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion.

B. TO BE WITH US... (Matthew 1:23)

1. This is what the name Immanuel means: God with us

- a) Not born in a Palace—but a manger
- b) Not Rich—but Poor — Not as a Ruler—but a Servant

2. Moses lived in the palace of the Pharaoh,

with all the rights and privileges of Pharaoh's royal household...

- a) but when he saw his true brethren suffering in slavery—
- b) he could no longer remain in the palace,
- c) he had to be with his suffering brethren...

3. One of the most profound truths in God's word is—Jesus did the same!

- a) Jesus came to earth to be with us and to save us...

C. TO SAVE US... (Matthew 1:21)

1. Even from His miraculous birth, Jesus was born to die for our sins

- a) This was His Mission — To Save His People from their sins
- b) If His Mission was only to Teach—it would've lasted 30 yrs not 3
- c) If His Mission Was Only to Heal the Sick—He Would've Just Healed the Sick

2. His Mission Was Bigger — to Save Us From the Penalty of Sin

D. TO HELP US... (Hebrews 2:17–18)

1. Jesus became like us in order to help us!

- a) Sharing in our Human Nature and Human Weakness...
- b) He can sympathize with us — because he became like us

2. Now He helps us as our High Priest who ministers to us! (Heb. 4:14–16)

E. TO REVEAL WHO GOD IS... (Jn 1:1-2, 14)

1. In the beginning was the Word (Logos)...

- a) **Jesus existed 'in the beginning...'** —His Eternal Pre-Existent Nature,
He was “before all things”
- b) **Jesus 'was with God...'** —Here is the aspect of the godhead called: the “trinity”
The separate personhood of the Son along with the Father, the Spirit
- c) **Jesus the Word 'was God.'** —Here is the Oneness of God in three

2. The Word Became Flesh and dwelt among us... (1:14)

Even the Disciples had a hard time realizing this! (Jn 14:8-9)

- a) Jesus said “anyone who has seen me has seen the Father” (John 14:9)

3. The Holy Spirit Confirms this Amazing Fact!

- a) He is the visible image of the invisible God! (Col 1:15)
- b) The Radiance of God's Glory! (Hebrews 1:3 NIV)

F. TO BE OUR EXAMPLE... (1 Peter 2:21–23)

1. Christ lived a life of perfect obedience,

- a) even when He was wronged
- b) Even when He endured suffering...
- c) He was tempted in all points as we are—but without sin

2. Jesus is our example (1 Peter 2:21–23)

- a) Even when we are wronged, or endure suffering...
- b) Not Becoming Angry or Bitter... Not Seeking Revenge...
- c) But Enduring Like Christ our Example

G. TO SHOW US THE LOVE OF GOD... (1 John 4:9-10)

1. The Wrath of God is Real — and it is frightening

The Wrath of God is His Absolute Revulsion against Evil

2. The Frightening Fact is that We've All Sinned and have committed Evil

Therefore the Wrath of God is Upon Us...

3. The Amazing Thing is God Allowed His Wrath to Fall on Jesus in our stead

4. Jesus died the death we Should've died (Galatians 3:13)

He Paid the Penalty We Should've Paid —WHY? Love

H. TO DIE FOR OUR SINS...

1. Even from His miraculous birth, Jesus was born to die for our sins

- a) If Jesus Did Not Become Human—Fully Human and Fully Divine
- b) Then He Could Not Have Accomplished the Work of Salvation at Cross
- c) To be the Lamb of God Required His Blood Be Shed
- d) To Be the Perfect Lamb of God Required that Jesus Himself Paid Our Debt at cross

2. He left His home in glory to become a servant (Philippians 2:5–9)

He emptied Himself—Not of His Diety—but of His Divine Privileges

- a) He Humbled Himself to become Human - the Word became flesh
- b) But Not Just Any Human—to become a servant...
- c) And Not Just Any Servant—but to Die for Our Sins
- d) But Not Just Any Death—the Death of a Criminal on a Cross

3. Jesus Paid Your Debt in Full for All Time at the Cross

I. TO OVERCOME DEATH...

1. Jesus came to earth in Human form to Overcome Death (Hebrews 2:14-15)

- a) Why would we follow men, who claim to have all the answers...
- b) But have never gone to the grave and returned to tell us what to do and how to live
- c) Men who care more for themselves than anyone else

2. Why would we follow them instead of Christ who actually died for you?!

- a) and went to the grave for you and arose from the dead
- b) and now is at the right hand of God with all authority in heaven and earth!

J. TO OPEN TO US THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN...

1. After Jesus Rose from the Dead—He was going to leave His disciples...

to ascend to Heaven, and they were frightened (John 14:1–6)

- a) He is the Way, the Truth and Life! No one can go to the Father except through Him!

2. Even in the Garden, Jesus asked if there could be another way

- a) He asked the Father if this cup of suffering could pass from Him

3. But There Was No Other Way for You to be Saved!

Only by Jesus dying for you Could Your Debt be paid in Full by His Blood!

CONCLUSION:

1. Moses lived in the palace of Pharaoh,

but when he saw his brethren suffering in slavery he could no longer remain in the palace,
he had to be with his suffering brethren...

2. Jesus did the same... (2 Corinthians 8:9)

- Jesus became poor so you could become rich!
- Jesus Became Like Us So We Could Become Like Him!