

MAIN POINT

While remaining completely God, Jesus became completely man.

INTRODUCTION

What most strikes you about the reality that God came to earth in the form of a man?

What are some ways we might have neglected the truth that Jesus was fully human?

While the basic message of the gospel is simple and clear, there are many elements of the Christian faith that are not easy to understand. One of those is how Jesus could be both God and man at the same time. John 1:1-18 teaches that Jesus was both God and man, and helps us understand how important this truth is to the gospel we share with others.

DISCUSSION

> READ JOHN 1:1-18.

Why do you think John began his Gospel by talking about how Jesus existed from eternity past?

Many people argue that Jesus was a prophet who did good works but wasn't the Son of God. How does John's prologue refute that?

What does it mean that Jesus is "the Word"?

What are the implications that "the Word became flesh"? What does this *not* mean?

Why was it advantageous that Jesus was born like all human beings and lived His life among us?

If Jesus is completely human, what facts about Him must be true? Why is it necessary for people to understand that Jesus is fully human?

What kind of Savior do you think the Jewish people expected? What kind of Savior are the people around you looking for?

Why do you think the apostle John mentioned that John the Baptist taught that "the One coming after me has surpassed me, because he existed before me" (John 1:15)?

If you're a Christ follower, how have you experienced the "grace upon grace" John talked about in verse 16?

What did John mean when he said that no one has ever seen God except Jesus Christ?

APPLICATION

How can we, as a group and as a church, work together to reveal the beauty of the incarnation of God in Christ?