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The Word Became Flesh & Dwelt Among Us

1. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us

- "We" have seen his glory
- glory as of the only Son from the Father
- full of grace and truth

2. Have "We" seen His Glory?

- Seeing His glory leads to saving faith in Christ
- Seeing His glory is part of our abundant life in Christ

- Seeing His glory empowers us to be faithful witnesses of Christ

John – A Book of Signs and Glory

"This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him." (John 2:11 ESV)

The Signs of Jesus

"John presents specific 'signs' (20:30)-significant displays of power that point beyond themselves to the deeper realities that we can perceive with eyes of faith." (NIVZSB). "John sees these events as more than mere miracles; they are signs that force readers to ask, 'Who is this man who can do all these things? How can he be master over quality, distance, time, quantity, natural laws, misfortune, and death?'" (Ngewa, 1251).

John records 7 signs during Jesus' ministry leading up to the ultimate sign, the resurrection of Christ (and His appearances to the disciples): 1) Jesus turns water to wine (Jn 2:11); 2) Jesus heals a royal official (Jn 4:46-54); 3) Jesus heals a lame man (Jn 5:1-9); 4) Jesus feeds more than 5000 (Jn 6:1-14); 5) Jesus walks on water (Jn 6:15-25); 6) Jesus heals a man who was born blind (Jn 9:1-41); 7) Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (Jn 11:1-46).

Referring to Christ's resurrection, John says: "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (21:30-31).

The Glory of Jesus

Jesus glorifies the Father (and is glorified by the Father): thru His revelation (of the Father & the way of salvation), thru His signs (see above), and primarily thru His death on the cross and resurrection from the dead.

Christ's glory is highlighted thru His suffering & death. Regarding the hour which has come (to be crucified), Jesus prays for the Father to glorify the Son so that the Son may glorify the Father (Jn 17:1ff). "Nine chapters [13-21] center on just a few days of Jesus life" (Burge 43). "Like all the Gospels, John is a passion (suffering) narrative with a long introduction" (Yarbrough).

Sources: *John* by Gary M. Burge (NIVAC); "John" by Samuel M. Ngewa (*Africa Bible Commentary*); *NIV Zondervan Study Bible* (NIVZSB); and "The Incendiary Jesus of John: Introduction to the Gospel of John" by Robert Yarbrough (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School).