



## INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

### THE SONG

#### PASSAGE OVERVIEW

Who is Jesus? This is life's most important question. The way we answer it affects our present, our future, that which is temporal, and that which is eternal. With a question this significant, it should bring us much joy that the Spirit of God has not left us to ourselves to find the answer.

There are fewer places in Scripture that make known the identity of Christ as clearly as John 1:1-4, 14. In this passage, the Gospel writer makes it unequivocally clear that Jesus is God. In a way that our minds will never fully comprehend, Jesus is one-with-yet-distinct-from the Father. He is eternal. He is our creator. And he is the giver and sustainer of life. These are attributes that only God can possess, and for this reason enough, Jesus is worthy of all worship, honor, and praise!

But John doesn't stop there. He goes on to tell us that the Word (that is Christ), became flesh, and dwelt among us. This is the beauty of Christmas- that the Timeless One would break in time. That the Limitless One would take on limitations. That the Creator would become like the created. And that God would become a man.

Brothers and sisters, that is life changing truth! But have we lost sight of it? Has holiday tradition robbed us of our wonder? Do we truly know the extent of God's great love?

#### READING FOR NEXT WEEK

John 1:1-18

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#### The timing of the Father's song.

1. Beginning of Jesus' ministry.
2. As Jesus prepares to go to the cross. (Mt 16:17; Mk 8:31; Lk 9:21)

#### Jesus is the long awaited Servant, Savior, Sovereign, Son.

The Father's words.

##### I. This is

Distinct from and greater than all others.

##### II. My beloved Son

Beloved and Savior (Genesis 22:2)

Sovereign Son (Psalm 2)

##### III. With whom I am well pleased

Isaiah 42:1-4

##### IV. Listen to Him!

If Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the prophets, Jesus is the final, complete Word. Listen to Him!

Deuteronomy 18:15

Isaiah 48:12, 14

"Rise, and have no fear."

#### How does this apply to me?

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