

CHRISTMAS LESSON—THE WORD
MADE FLESH

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John 1 : 1-18. Memory Verses, 13.

Golden Text—And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us.—John 1 : 14.



1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him ; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life ; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness ; and the darkness comprehended it not.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name :

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made 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.

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me : for he was before me.

16 And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Mo'ses, but grace and truth came by Je'sus Christ.

18 No man hath seen God at any time ; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Jesus had lived for thirty-three years on earth and had gone back to heaven, four of His disciples wrote about some of the wonderful things He had done while He was on earth. They were able to do this because they were with Him and saw the things that He did.

One of these disciples, whose name was John, tells us about Jesus from the very beginning. He tells us how Jesus was with God, as His Son, even before the world was made, and how He had always had the same power as God, for "all things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made."

But the people in the world, whom Jesus had made, and to whom He was promised

as a Saviour, did not know Him when He came among them. They thought that He would come as a great king, and so, when He came as a little baby, they would not believe that He was really the promised Saviour.

But although Jesus was born in a stable and His parents were neither rich nor well known, God gave a number of signs by which the people round about might know that He was not an ordinary child. A company of shining angels appeared to some shepherds who were watching their flocks at night on the hills near Bethlehem, where Jesus was born, and told them the wonderful news of the Saviour's birth, and how He had come to bring great peace on earth and good