

Lesson I.

THE WORD MADE FLESH

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John 1: 1-14. Study John 1: 1-18—*Memory verse, 3.

Golden Text—The Word was made 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, which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of

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.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Jesus had lived for thirty years on earth and had gone back to heaven, four of His followers wrote about all the wonderful things He had said and done, while He was here among men. One of these, named John, tells us more about Jesus Himself, than any of the others. John wrote his story or Gospel when he was an old man. He was the youngest of the twelve disciples whom Jesus gathered about Him and taught; and so he had a long lifetime to think over his Master's words and acts, before he wrote them down. Perhaps this is why he seems to give us such a sweet and beautiful picture of Jesus and just what He was like. It is from John's Gospel, that our Lessons for this Quarter and the next are taken.

John tells about Jesus from the very beginning, that He was with God even before the world was made, and that He was God; and that "all things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made

that was made." John calls Jesus "the Word", because He came to tell people about God. From Him, also, all life comes, and He puts light into the hearts of men, to show them how to live aright.

When the time came for God to send Jesus down from heaven to live among men, a man was sent to tell the people that they must get ready for His coming, by putting away all their sins, and doing God's will with all their hearts. The name of this man was John the Baptist.

Strange to say, however, when Jesus did come into the world, there were very few who welcomed Him, although He was their true King. Even His own people, the Jews, though their prophets had told them, over and over again, that He was coming, would not believe that He was the Son of God. Only a few received Him gladly; and to these He gave the greatest blessing that any one can have—the right to call themselves

*The Scripture Memory Passages of the Supplemental Lessons are recommended as a substitute for those here given Sabbath by Sabbath. They will be found in the Supplemental Lesson Leaflets.