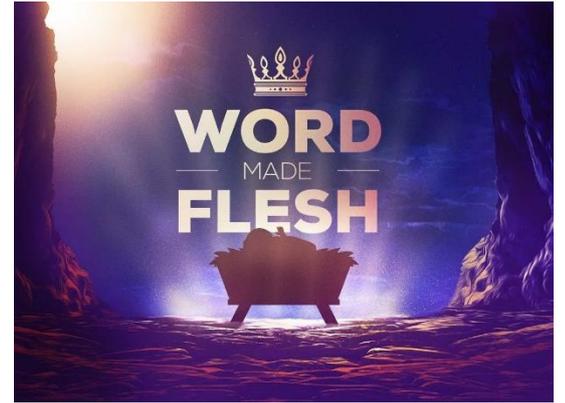


What a Beautiful name

Reading-John 1:1-8



Focus In

Based on studies in John chapter 1 we are starting a new series, leading up to Christmas, called: What a Beautiful name. The Jews and the Greeks had their own ideas about the Logos (Word) but now the Gospel tells us that it has become fresh. The Logos at the centre of the Universe has become incarnate. This was a revolutionary concept.

The opening words of the prologue of John's Gospel remind us of the very first words of Genesis-In the beginning God created. Now the Son of God who was with God from the beginning, is said also to be God himself, through whom all things were made. He brings life and light in the darkness, nothing will ever, ever overcome or extinguish the light he brings. The Son of God did not come into existence at Bethlehem, he had existed for eternity, the Son of God became a human being for us.

John the Baptist represents the last of the Old Testament like prophets. With them John points to the light, that all might believe.

Discussion Starters

.What especially strikes you from this deep reading? What is it saying to you today?

.How would you explain, what would you say, to someone that is unsure but open to understanding the truth of what the Incarnation means?

.What kind of darkness do you think tries to extinguish the light? How is your trust in the overcoming victory of Christ?

.As Christmas comes in view, do you think that the difference forced on us all this year, might help people think more about its true meaning? Does it help you?

Prayer time

Please pray for anyone you think of in need. Please pray also for our witness at Christmas, that despite everything Jesus might shine.