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“The Word Was God” John 1:1-18
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John states an incredible, startling fact unheard of in his first century world: the Word, the powerful and the dynamic reason that orders and controls the world "has become flesh and dwells among us." John goes on to say that "we have seen with our eyes ... and touched with our hands ... the Word of life" (1 John 1:1-2). John's message is that this Word has come to the earth in human form. God, who was so distant, is now near. John is saying that if you want to see what this creating Word, this dynamic power, this controlling reason looks like then look at Jesus of Nazareth.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *God is approachable.* We are astonished at God's availability.

Teaching Point Two: *He knew life as we know life.* Therefore, in the midst of our anguish, pain, and disappointment, we can cry out and say, "Lord, you know how it is!"

Teaching Point Three: *In this world if people want to know what God looks like, they are going to look at us.* We cannot share the Good News unless our lives have become the Good News.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God (John 1:1 NLT).

ACTION POINT

We all wait for the One who enters our darkness, finds us and brings us out of the darkness. In Christ, God became clothed in human flesh, and God knows our struggles. Christ appointed His followers with the Great Commission of Matthew 28:10-20 to carry on His mission of rescuing people from the darkness. People who experience Christ's love do not do so by reading about it in a book. They experience love through other human beings who are Christ followers living in a way that brings glory to God. Seekers of God will come to know what God is like through knowing God's people. May you be a Christian known for sharing the light of Christ's love in this darkened world.