

# When God Went Camping

## What's the Big Deal About Jesus? Part III

John 1:14-18

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Three Realities:

1. Jesus was God in the flesh.

“God became man; the divine Son became a Jew; the Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, unable to do more than lie and stare and wriggle and make noises, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. And there was no illusion or deception in this: the babyhood of the Son of God was a reality. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as is this truth of the Incarnation.”

- From *Knowing God* by J.I. Packer, p. 53

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2. Jesus entered into the chaos and brokenness of this world.

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“To identify incarnationally with a people will mean that we must try to enter into something of the cultural life of a ‘people’; to seek to understand their perspectives, their grievances and causes, in other words their *real* existence, in such a way as to genuinely reflect the act of identification that God made with us in Jesus.”

-From *The Shaping of Things to Come* by Michael Frost and Alan Hirsch, p. 38

3. Jesus was full of grace and truth.

Implication: If you and I are going to reflect Jesus, we must ask the Holy Spirit to transform our hearts so grace and truth flow from our lives.

Concluding Quotes:

From *My Utmost for His Highest* by Oswald Chambers

March 10

“The purpose of Pentecost was not to teach the disciples something, but to make them the incarnation of what they preached so that they would literally become God’s message in the flesh ‘...you shall be witnesses to Me...’ (Acts 1:8).”

November 16

“The true test of a saint’s life is not successfulness but faithfulness on the human level of life. We tend to set up success in Christian work as our purpose, but our purpose should be to display the glory of God in human life, to live a life ‘hidden with Christ in God’ in our everyday human conditions.”



## **Discussion Questions to go Deeper**

Take some time this week to discuss these questions with family or friends based on John 1:14-18:

1. In what ways did Jesus lay down His rights in becoming human?
2. How is Jesus an example to us in laying down our rights?
3. Why did Jesus enter into the chaos and brokenness of this world?
4. In what ways can we, like Jesus, enter into the brokenness of this world?
5. Describe a person who is full of truth with no grace.
6. Describe a person who is full of grace with no truth.
7. Why is it important for both grace and truth to flow from our lives?

Further Study: Exodus 40:34-35