

D. THE WORD BECAME FLESH and DWELT AMONG US. (VS. 14a)

1. The word becoming **FLESH** could not be conceived among both the Jews and Greeks who had a vast distinction between the **CREATOR** and His **CREATION**.
2. Christ came in the **FLESH** to **REDEEM** our **FLESH**. (Ps. 103:1-4; 107:1,2)
3. John wanted his readers to know that Jesus was really **GOD** with **SKIN ON**. The **HUMAN BIRTH** was **CHRIST** entering into **A NEW DIMENSION** of **EXISTENCE** to **DWELL** among Mankind. (vss 13,14)

E. The transliteration of the word “DWELT” means “to encamp, to pitch one’s tent.”

1. This meaning is a reference to the tabernacle in the Old Testament, where the **SPIRIT** of the **LORD** “dwelled” with **HIS** people. (Ex. 33:7-11; Ex. 34:29-35)
2. Just as the **LORD** pitched His tent among the Israelites, Jesus pitched His tent among His people when **HE BECAME A MAN** in the **FLESH**.
3. Over, and over in the Old Covenant, God promised to **DWELL** with them, to **WALK** with them, to be their God, to be in relationship with them.
(Ex. 6:7; 29:45; Jer. 7:23,24; 11:1-4)

F. During JESUS time on earth, he was THE DWELLING PLACE of GOD on EARTH.

1. In other words, **JESUS** was **GOD’S TEMPLE** meaning no longer a **BUILDING** but a **PERSON**. (John 2:18-21)
2. Because **JESUS** was **GOD** in **HUMAN FORM** and **GOD’S SPIRIT DWELLED** in **JESUS**, people didn’t have to go **A PLACE** to **MEET GOD**, **GOD** came to them in the form of **JESUS**. (Matt.1:23)

“THANK GOD that THE WORD (JESUS) WAS MADE FLESH and DWELT among us FULL of GRACE and TRUTH!”

