

The Word Made Flesh



John 1:1, 14 · This week: We Have Found the Messiah, John 1

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START

We use words to show others what is in our minds and hearts. John called Jesus “the Word” (John 1:1).

READ TOGETHER

John wrote in Greek, and the word he used is *logos*. It can mean a word, a message, or the reason behind something. Jesus is the message God sent to us, and he shows us what the Father is like.

JOHN 1:14

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.

JOHN 14:8–9

⁸ Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. ⁹ Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

WHAT IT TEACHES

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). In Greek, the word for dwelt means to pitch a tent. The Son of God made his home among his people, the way the Lord’s tabernacle once stood in the middle of Israel’s camp (Numbers 2:17).

John and the other disciples saw “his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14). Grace is his gift of help and power. Truth is knowledge of things as they are (Doctrine and Covenants 93:24). He is full of both.

Elder David A. Bednar connected this title to the scriptures. *“Thus, the teachings of the Savior, as recorded in the holy scriptures, also are ‘the word.’”*

Elder David A. Bednar, “But We Heeded Them Not,” General conference, April 2022

When Philip asked to see the Father, Jesus answered, “he that hath seen me hath seen the Father” (John 14:9). Reading his words is one way to come to know Heavenly Father.

TALK ABOUT IT

If Jesus is God’s message to us, what has his life told you about Heavenly Father?

TAKE TO CHURCH

John calls Jesus the Word, the message from God, who pitched his tent among us. Reading his words in the scriptures is a way to hear the Word today.