

Here the Story  
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## I. Three things we know about Christ (John 1:1-3, 14)

### A. He is the Eternal Word

The idea here is of His presence.

### B. He is the Creative Word

The idea here is of His power.

### C. He is the Incarnate Word

#### 1. Became flesh ...

- a. He became that which first became through Him.
- b. He was ... weary (4:6), thirsty (4:7), groaned within (11:33), openly wept (11:35), etc.
- c. Took on human nature and identified with us in every aspect of human experience from birth to death.

#### 2. ... and dwelt ...

- a. Tabernacled or set up His tent
- b. Dwelt vs. Visited
  - 1) People who dwell jump into the full experience of life. They live there.
  - 2) People who visit are called tourists.

#### 3. ... seen His glory ...

- a. Not just with the eye, but spiritually discerned (His grace, love, wisdom, power, purity, meekness, etc)
- b. This glory was only befitting Christ.

#### 4. ... full of grace and truth.

- a. OT = mercy and justice.
- b. His revelation ...

1) of God as love (grace)

2) of God as light (truth)

The idea here is of His pursuit.

## II. Incarnational living

A. Incarnational living is achieved when the stories you share about what God is doing involve you as a major participant.

1. In other words, they are not about what God does in people far away, but they are what God is doing through you right here.
2. Q: If I asked you to tell me about something that God did in your life that would encourage and inspire me, how far back would you have to go?

B. We have great excuses for this ...

1. Age – Too young
2. Time – Job, family, studies, etc.
3. Resource – Myself/Material

## III. Here the Story

A. Logo/Sticker explanation ...

B. “Ok, so how do I here the story or live incarnationally?”