



“Come Let Us Adore Him”

John 1:1-51

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The Incarnation (John 1:1-51)

Danger = vulnerability to harm or risk

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. –Christ

When God calls a man, He bids him, “Come and die.” –Bonhoeffer

“Why not Christ? Because he calls you to die to yourself. Any time truth involves a total commitment in which you bring yourself to complete humility, to the surrender of the will, you will always have resistance. Christ violates our power and autonomy.” –Ravi Zacharias

Following Christ, from a human perspective, is dangerous because He demands everything.

- The Incarnation leaves no room for self (Col. 2:9-10)
- The Incarnation leaves no room for alternatives (Jn. 14:6)

“If I was saved by my good works – then there would be a limit to what God could ask of me or put me through. I would be like a taxpayer with rights. I would have done my duty and now I would deserve a certain quality of life. But if it is really true that I am a sinner saved by sheer grace – at God’s infinite cost – then there’s nothing he cannot ask of me.” She could see immediately that the wonderful-beyond-belief teaching of salvation by sheer grace had two edges to it. On the one hand it cut away slavish fear. God loves us freely, despite our flaws and failures. Yet she also knew that if Jesus really had done this for her – she was not her own. She was bought with a price. -Tim Keller

John 1

- It answers the central question, “Who is Jesus?”
 - At the core of Christianity is not what Jesus did, but who Jesus is.
- “In the beginning” parallels Gen. 1:1
 - Shows Jesus’ deity
- “Was” points to eternity past, not a fixed point in time
- “Word” = communicates God to humanity
- “Was with” shows divine relationship.
- “Dwelt among us” = pitch a tent.
- “Fullness” shows completeness (II Peter 1:4)
 - Spiritually because we have fellowship with God
 - Morally because we are under the authority of God.
 - Mentally because we know the truth of God