



# Open the Gift

Part 2: Tabernacle

**Text: Luke 2:8-20 | John 1:14**

**Jesus was the Word made flesh and He made his \_\_\_\_\_ place among men.**

- He did not cease to be God but became a sinless man
- He did not lose His intimacy with the Father as He walked as a man because He was still God
- Jesus' presence allowed us to "see" God and receive a revelation of God's heart

**Why did God have to become flesh?**

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| • Invisible became visible            | Colossians 1:15  |
| • Mediator                            | 1 Timothy 2:5    |
| • God in the flesh could suffer death | Hebrews 2:14     |
| • Experience temptation               | Hebrews 4:15, 16 |
| • Set a pattern for us to follow      | Matthew 4:4      |
| • Destroy the works of the devil      | 1 John 3:8       |
| • Set us free from fear               | 2 Timothy 1:7    |
| • We can know God                     | 1 John 4:8       |

Definition of dwell: encamp, reside as God did in the tabernacle, protection, and communion. Psalm 22:3 (NKJ)

**What can we learn from the picture taught us from the \_\_\_\_\_?**

**Numbers 2:1, 2**

**Everyone in the camp of Israel was centered on the tabernacle.**

Luke 4:16 | Luke 24:53

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT) And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near.

**2 Samuel 6:17, 18**

**The tabernacle was where the sacrifices were given.**

Mark 14:3 | 2 Chronicles 31:5-7 | Mark 12:43 | 1 Kings 3:4, 5

**2 Samuel 6: 14, 15**

**The tabernacle was a focal point of worship.**

Romans 12:1 | Psalm 100:4 | Psalm 107:20

Hebrews 13:15 (NLT) With Jesus' help, let us continually offer our sacrifice of praise to God by proclaiming the glory of his name.

**Exodus 33:7-11 | Leviticus 9:23, 24**

**A place where the presence of the Lord was visible.**

John 14:23 | Matthew 5:14, 15 | Acts 13:47

**How does the Lord want us to \_\_\_\_\_ to Him dwelling with us and in us?**

Colossians 1:27 | Galatians 2:20 | Ephesians 3:17-19

Luke 4:18, 19 | Matthew 9:35 | Acts 10:38 | John 14:12

Ephesians 3:17-19 (NLT) And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. (18) And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. (19) May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

**Matthew 17:1-5**

**Jesus declared, "If you have seen me you have seen the Father."**

John 14:9-11 | John 5:19, 20 | John 6:35-40 | John 9:3 | John 1:4, 5

**Luke 2:10, 11**

**A Savior, the Messiah, was born and given as a gift to all mankind so we can know that the Lord is now establishing a new kingdom for us to be a part.**

John 1:12 | John 1:18 | Romans 10:9, 10 | John 17:20-26 (NLT)

## D12 Group Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the statement about Jesus not losing His intimacy with the Father while He walked on the earth.
2. Discuss the comments under why God had to become flesh. This is about Jesus being incarnate.
3. Discuss the application of the tabernacle being the focal point for worship and sacrifice.
4. Discuss the statement about Him indwelling us.
5. Talk about John 17:20-26.