

# The Gospel of St. John

John 1:5-13

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# Intro ...

Jesus:  $y = 3x^2 + 4x - 12$

Pharisee: What is he talking about?

Disciple: Don't you know, He always speaks in parabolas?

# Unity of Thought

(John 1:13) who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And as I was studying Romans 9... again, and God reminded me,

(Rom 9:16) So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

"The reason for the choice made is to be found only in the Chooser." unknown

# Unity of Thought

Remember?

(John 1:1-4) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. {2} He was in the beginning with God. {3} All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. {4} In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

# Unity of Thought

(Neh 9:6) You alone are the LORD. You have made the heavens, the heaven of heavens with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to all of them and the heavenly host bows down before You.

Sound familiar?

## John 1:14-18

{14} And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

{15} (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'")

{16} And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

## John 1:14-18 (2)

{17} For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

{18} No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

## Verse 14 (2)

{1} In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

fast forward to verse 14...

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## Verse 14 (3)

(Num 9) {15} On the day that the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony. And at evening it was over the tabernacle like the appearance of fire until morning.

{16} So it was always: the cloud covered it by day and the appearance of fire by night.

{17} And whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, after that the people of Israel set out, and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the people of Israel camped.

## Verse 14 (4)

(Exo 40:34) Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

(Eze 43:4) As the glory of the LORD entered the temple by the gate facing east,

(Psalm 78:14) In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a fiery light.

## Verse 14 (5)

(2 Cor 5) {1} For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. {2} For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, {3} if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.

## Verse 14 (6)

{ 4 } For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened--not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. { 5 } He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

## Verse 14 (7)

glory – doxa {dox'-ah} [δοξα] – opinion, thinking, judgment, view, majesty, brilliance, holiness, power, perfection, exalted state, blessedness, exterior brightness, splendor, brightness, magnificence, excellence, preeminence, dignity, grace, majesty, a thing belonging to God, kingly majesty.

## Verse 14 (8)

To Israel belonged the GLORY.

The visible manifestation of the presence of God. The majestic presence or manifestation of God in which He descends to dwell among men. Also referred to as the Shechinah Glory (Shechinah comes from a Hebrew verb meaning "to dwell"): "the glory of the LORD." Most took the form of light, fire or cloud or a combination:

## Verse 14 (9)

Genesis 15:17 Smoking furnace and burning lamp (Abraham)

Exodus 3:1-5 Burning bush (Moses)

Exodus 13:21-22; 14:19-20,24 Pillar of Cloud and Pillar of Fire (The Exodus)

Exodus 19:16-20 Fire, smoke, etc. (Mt. Sinai)

Exodus 33-34 A special manifestation to Moses.

## Verse 14 (10)

Exodus 40:34-38 Cloud and fire over the tabernacle; compare 1 Sam. 4:21-22

1 Kings 8:10-11 Cloud (God's glory in Solomon's temple).

Luke 2:8-9 Shining glory (Bethlehem shepherds).

Matthew 17:1-8 Brilliance of the transfigured Christ.

## Verse 14 (11)

Revelation 15:8a "and the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power,"

God never made known His presence in such a unique way to any other nation.

"For what nation is there so great, who hath god so nigh (near) unto them?"

(Deut. 4:7).

## Verse 14 (12)

“...full of grace and truth.” What else can be said? How can it be said any better? Christ was “full of favor, kindness, and mercy to men, teaching the way to the kingdom of God with all simplicity, plainness, dignity and energy of truth.”

## Verse 15

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## Verse 16-18

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# Law and Grace

(Rom 8) {1} Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. {2} For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. {3} For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, {4} so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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# Questions

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