Study 2

The Gospel of John

The Word made Flesh

Introduction

In this first section of John's Gospel (traditionally known as the Prologue) John begins his own witness to who Jesus is in the most remarkable way. In words that echo the very first book of the Bible, John declares that the One who 'lived among them' and to whom they bear witness, is none other than the Divine Word, the One who was with God in the beginning and who is Himself God, the giver of Light and Life. Thus at the outset of his Gospel, John announces what every true believer, like Thomas (John 20vs28) must come to understand and believe for him- or herself. John 1vs1-18 is a glorious passage, one which serves both to introduce the major themes of the Gospel and to launch the reader on the path leading to faith in Jesus and Life in His Name. (John 20vs30-31)

Study Questions

These questions help you to see clearly <u>what the text is saying</u>. This is a vital first step towards understanding what the section means. The questions should be answered from the text itself.

Read John 1vs 1-18. Answer the following questions:

1. What relationship is there between the Word and God? (John 1vss1-2, vs18)

2. What relationship is there between the Word and the world? (John 1vss3-5,vss10-11)

3. How did the Word ultimately bring light into the dark world? (John 1vs14)

4. How did God prepare the world for the coming of the Word? (John 1vss6-9, vss15-17)

5. What do those who receive the Word themselves receive? (John 1vss12-13, vss16-17)

6. With whom is the Word made flesh to be identified?

Think it Through

1. From this passage, what would you answer if someone asked you:
   A. Who Jesus is?

   B. What He came to do?