THE INCARNATE WORD - Jn 1:1-3, 14a

INTRODUCTION

- 1. Jesus is the miracle of miracles. 4th c. Nicene Creed: 1 person, 2 natures
- 2. Today: unfathomable truth Jn 1:1-3; v14, 18

1st: The Word of God - The Logos

- 1. Did John have Greek Phil in mind? It cannot get to Gn 1:1.
- 2. OT context: & God said; Ps 33:6; Prv 8 Ps 119

2nd: The Word of God Is Eternally Pre-Existent: v1-2

- 1. was 4x in v1-2. Logos was. All else came into being [3x in v3]. When did all things come into being? In the beginning [2x in v1-2].
- 2. Gn 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heavens & the earth.* In the beginning, there *was* a Being already existing: *God* [3x in v1-2].
- **3.** Gn 1:1: *in the beginning, God* = Jn 1:1 Logos. Moses moves from God to creation. Jn moves from God back, as it were, to God Himself.
- **4.** When the beginning began, Logos was. <u>Jn 17:5</u>
- **5**. By end of prolog, we learn that Logos is Son of God incarnate: Jesus Christ.

3rd: The Word of God is Eternally With God: & the Word was w/ God

- 1. Logos is positioned 'face to face' = personal intimate reciprocity. Logos is differentiated from God but in union, one w/ the personal God.
- 2. Here is God as God & the Logos w/ God from before creation Gn 1:26

4th: The Word of God is Eternally God: & the Word was God

- 1. Syntax: "God was the Word" "Theos". Logos is God.
- **2.** Arius, [4th c JWs] argued that Logos is God-like. Jn says, "God" is the essential nature of Logos.

5th: The Word of God is Eternally Pre-Existent with God: v2

- 1. Begin to see the Trinity? The 1 Creator-God is revealed as Logos. *He* "This One!" Jn isolates "This One" who? *Logos*. Where? with God.
- 2. Repeats in the beginning [v1&2] & was w/G [v1&2], focuses on the Word [v1&2] why? To give clarity & focus: Logos is God.
- **3.** Foundation of Christianity: the full deity of Logos distinct from the person of the God [the Father] & yet fully God as God.

6th: The Word of God is the Creator God - v3

- 1. Logos was all things came into being [3x] = creation [be careful v14.]
- **2.** God created... How? God said 8x in Gn Col 1:15-20. Only the Creator can reconcile the fallen creation to Himself.
- 3. Start w/ theology: in the beginning Creator incarnated Son of God: Jesus

7th: The Word of God was Incarnated as the Man, Jesus - v14a

- 1. Incarnated Logos is Son of God: Jesus. No more mention of Logos. Announced by JnB 1:15, 29-30, 34, 49 Divine Logos come to save
- **2.** *became flesh* Logos, ever God, assumed the nature of the human creature: a kind of *come into being* existence. As God, Logos is immutable. What is changed the human nature assumed by Son: *the Word became flesh*.
- 3. *flesh* is not fallen human nature, but genuine human nature Hb 2:14
- 4. Mat's genealogy thru David to Ab; Lk's genealogy to Adam, *the Son of God*. Jesus, the divine Son, is the promised Son come to crush the serpent's head. Jn's "genealogy" traces the 1 person of the Son to the Godhead. He is God, the Son, come in the flesh. 1T 3:16. Here is our *common confession*, not our explanation, but our doctrine: The theanthropos [God-Man] is one person in 2 natures we confess THB p.674 LBC 8:2. AMEN