

25 December 2022 - Rev Darren King's short Bible commentary and prayer Christmas Day John 1:1-14

The Word Became Flesh

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

² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Commentary

My favourite Christmas story was told by a Methodist Minister at a sermon I attended in Natal, South Africa. As a young boy his mom was in hospital getting ready to give birth to his brother. They were very poor and as they were getting ready to go home, he asked his dad what they would do for dinner. His dad replied, my son the Lord will provide.

As they were driving home a turkey ran in front of their car and just dropped dead. The farmer came out, picked the turkey up, looked at his dad and said it looks like he had a heart attack and proceeded to hand the turkey over to the dad. The dad looked at his son and said See, I told you the Lord would provide. It was a lovely true story but coincidentally Natal means Christmas in Portuguese. Vasco da Gama sailed past South Africa on Christmas Day and proceeded to call it Natal.

Prayer 🙏 for everyone

Lord as we think of The Word becoming flesh we are reminded of the true meaning of Christmas with all its implications and consequences. You came to be like us, so that one day we could be like you. As we celebrate this time of year fill us with peace, joy, hope and love, Amen

Shalom

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