

We Have Seen His Glory

John 1:14



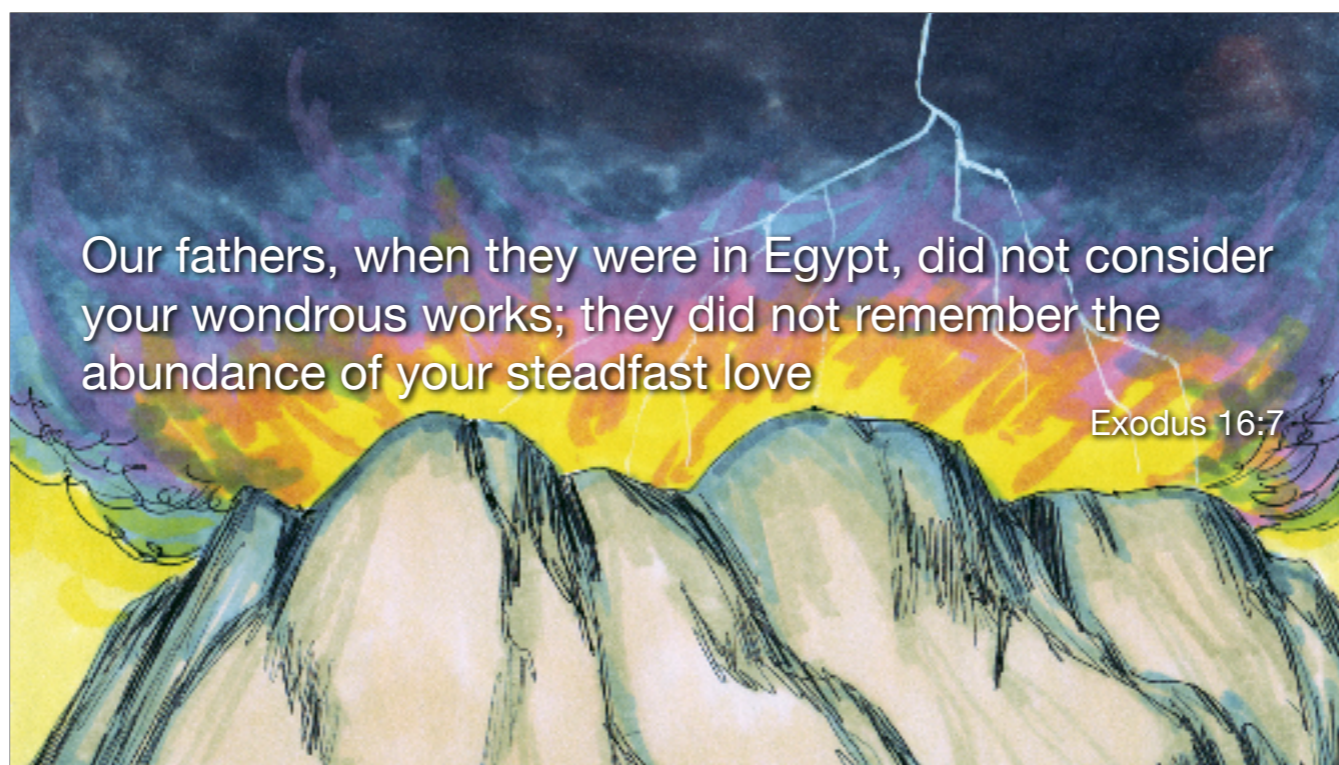
- We have trouble visualizing glory.
- God on Mt. Sinai
- Birth of Jesus and Angels
- Transfiguration
- Ascension of Jesus



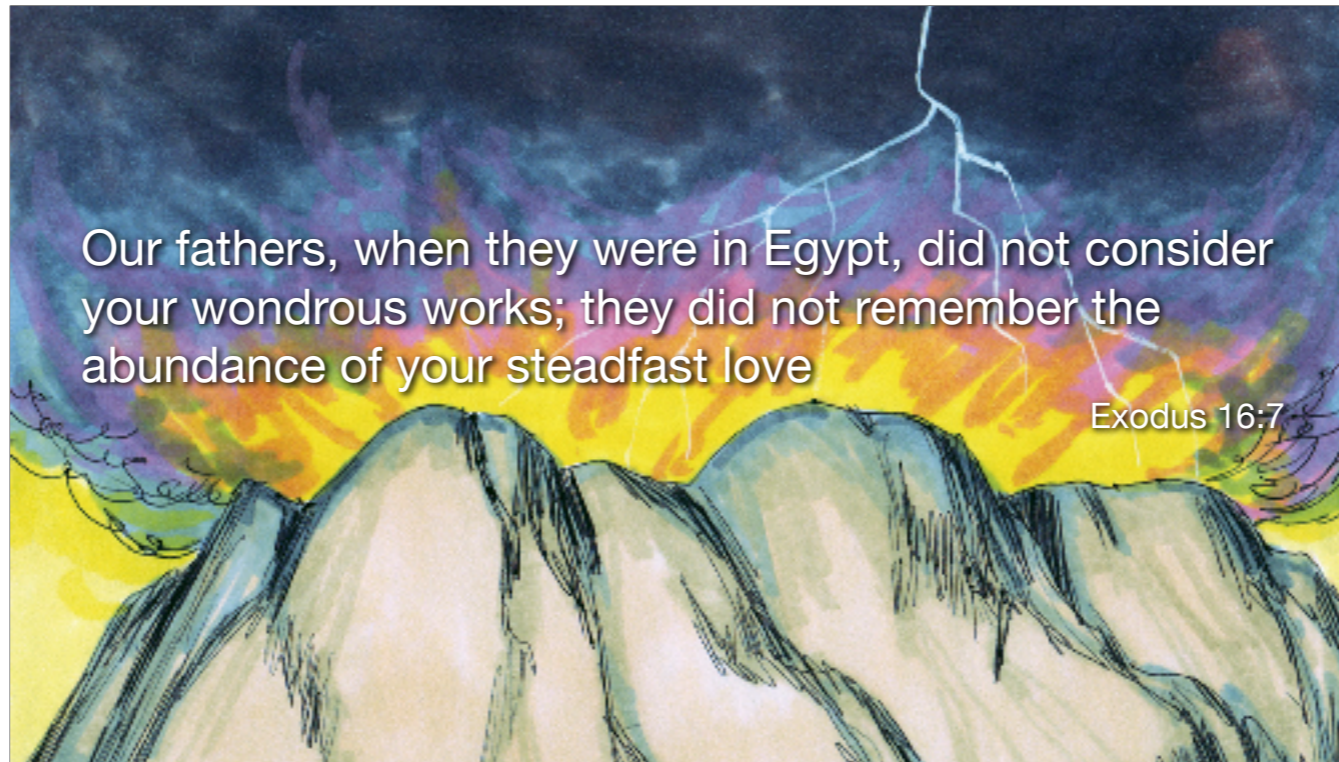
- Israel hungering for food in the wilderness (God will provide Manna)
 - Exodus 16:7 and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?”
- How many times had they seen his glory?
 - The plagues in Egypt
 - Parting of the Sea
 - Lead by cloud and fire
 - Mt. Sinai: cloud, thunder, lightening and the voice of God
 - Moses’ glowing face
 - Tabernacle: glory of Jehovah filled



- Israel's Disregard for God
 - Making of Golden Calf
 - Murmuring and Complaining
 - Desire to return to Egypt
- Seeing the Glory of God is very difficult
 - Keeping it in mind harder



- What was Israel's problem?
 - Psalms 106:7 (ESV) 7 Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, **did not consider** your wondrous works; they **did not remember** the abundance of your steadfast love, but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea.
 - Psalms 106:13 (ESV) 13 But they soon forgot his works; they did not wait for his counsel.
 - Psalms 106:21-22 (ESV) 21 **They forgot God**, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, 22 wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.



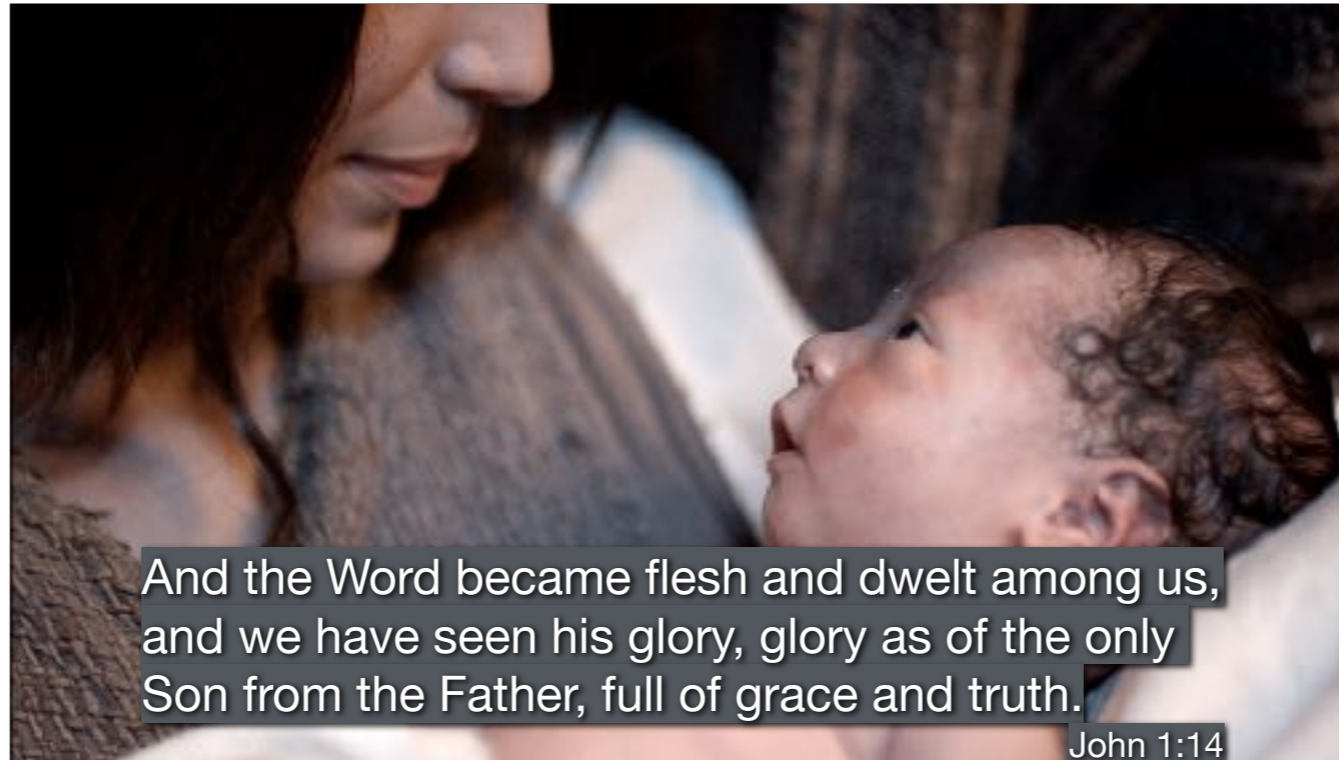
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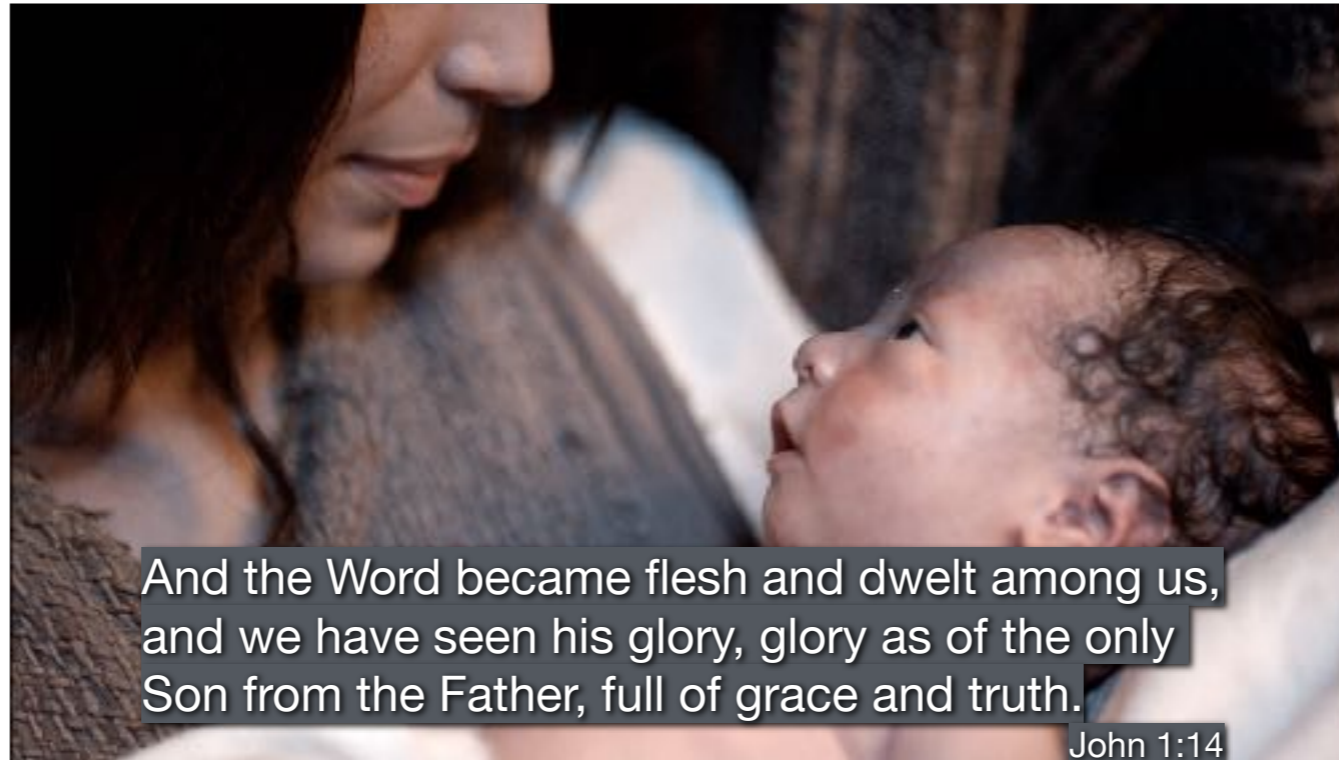
- What went wrong?
 - Didn't consider the meaning of the miracles
 - Didn't remember Jehovah's love and commitment to them
 - Forgot God
 - How? Time, selfishness, daily busyness
- We, too, can have this problem
 - we don't have such exhibitions of God's glory
 - how much easier it is for us to fail to be moved by the Glory of God,
 - and truly understand Him in whom we have believed.
 - and to forget his love, his works for us; to not consider them.



- Luke 2:8-14 (ESV) 8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”



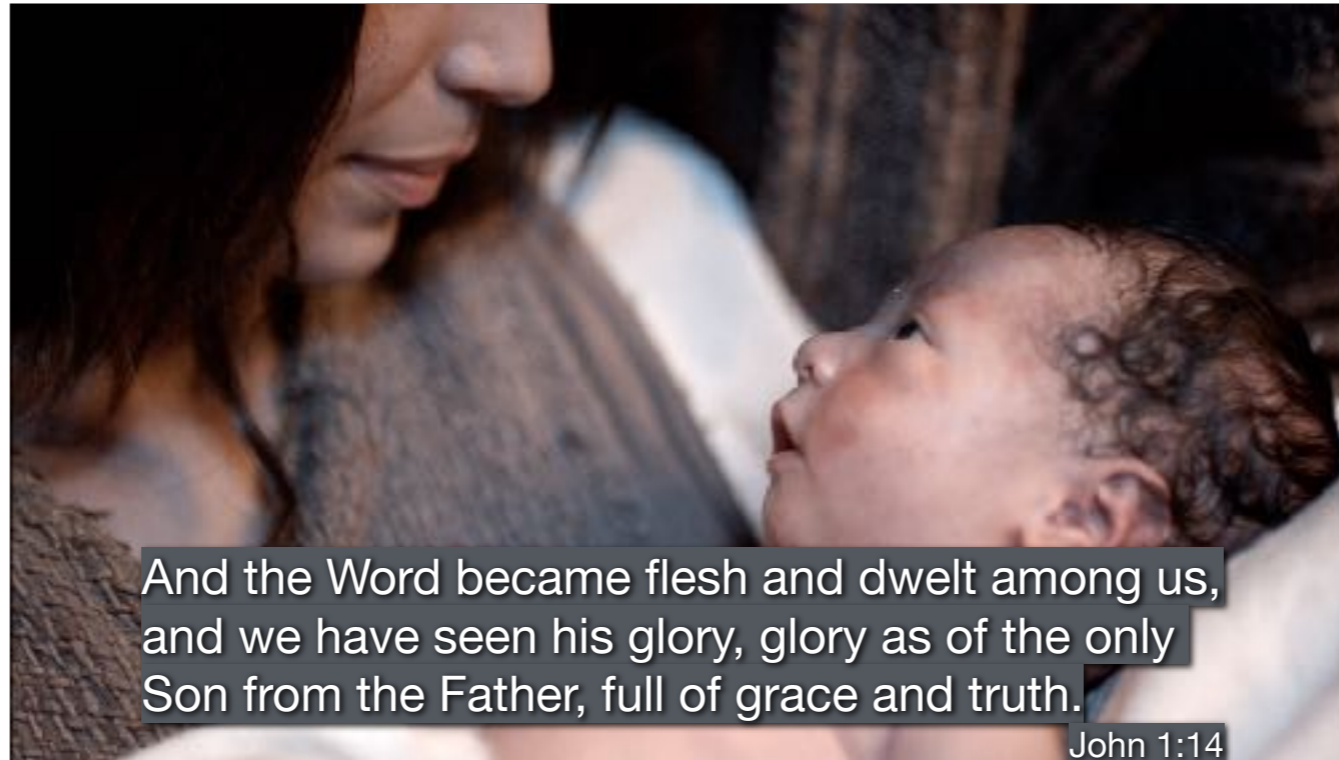
- John 1:1-5; 9-14; 16-18
- Word, Life, Light!
 - Note light
 - John 1:4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.
 - John 1:5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
 - John 1:9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.
- failure to “see” the light
 - 1.5: the darkness has not overcome it
 - 1.10: yet the world did not know him
 - 1.11: his own people did not receive him



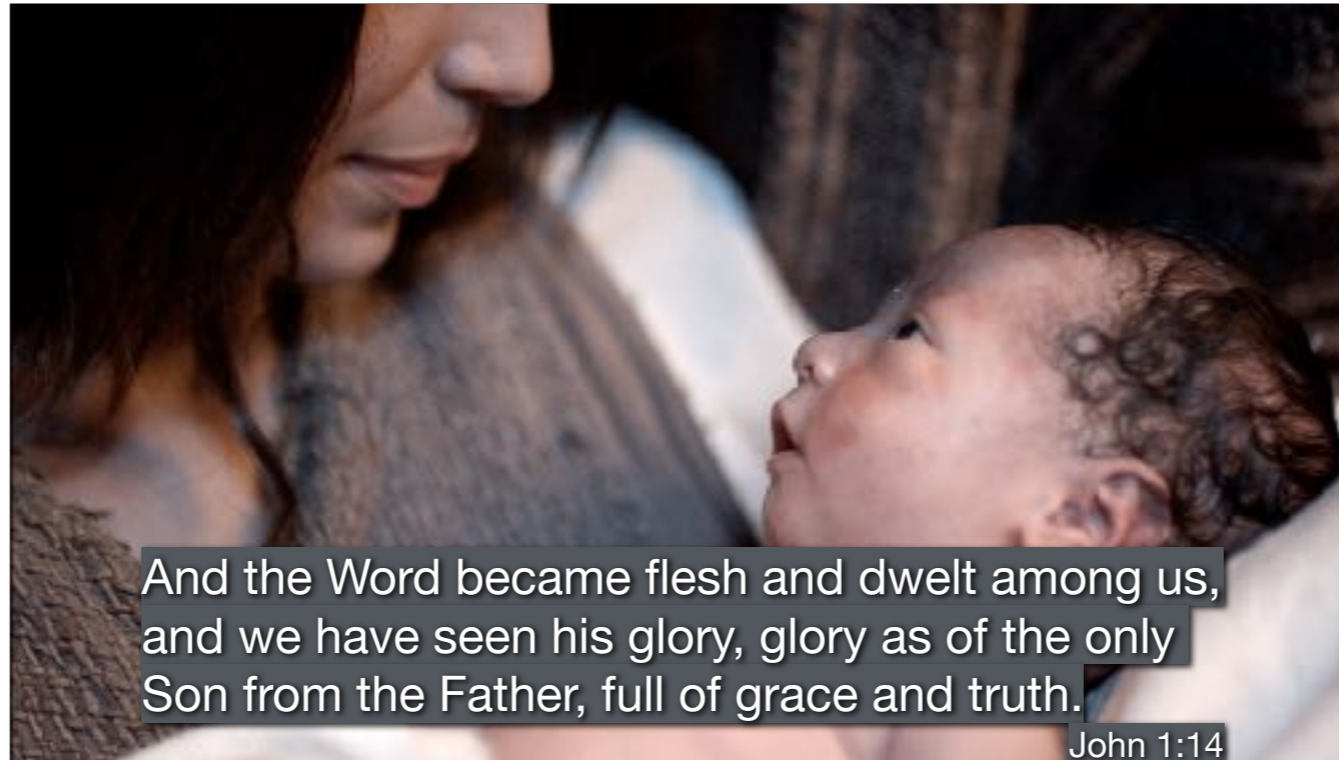
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- Why?
 - “their works were evil”
 - John 3:19-21 (ESV) 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.



- Philip: John 14:6-11:
 - 8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
- too busy?
- were not looking?
- were looking, but for something else?
- all of us can fall into the very same problem

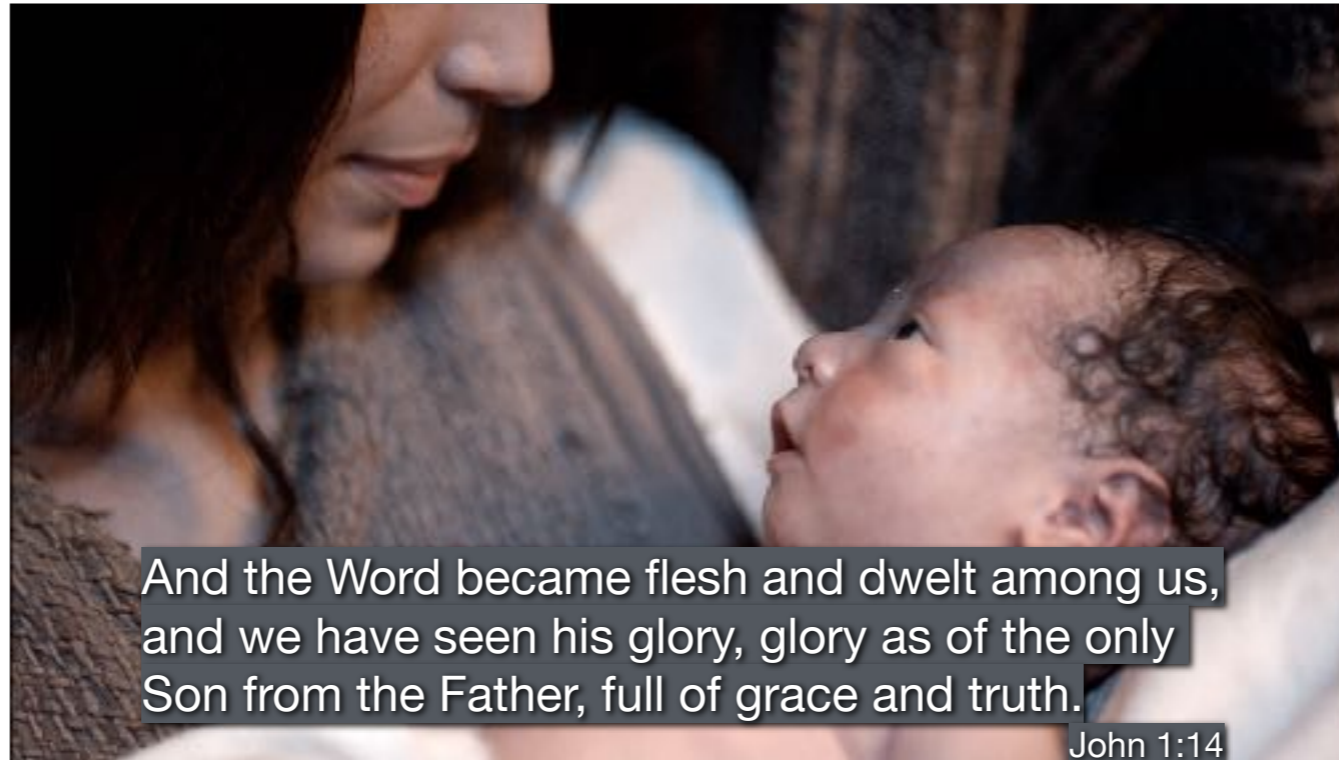


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- Jesus - the Light

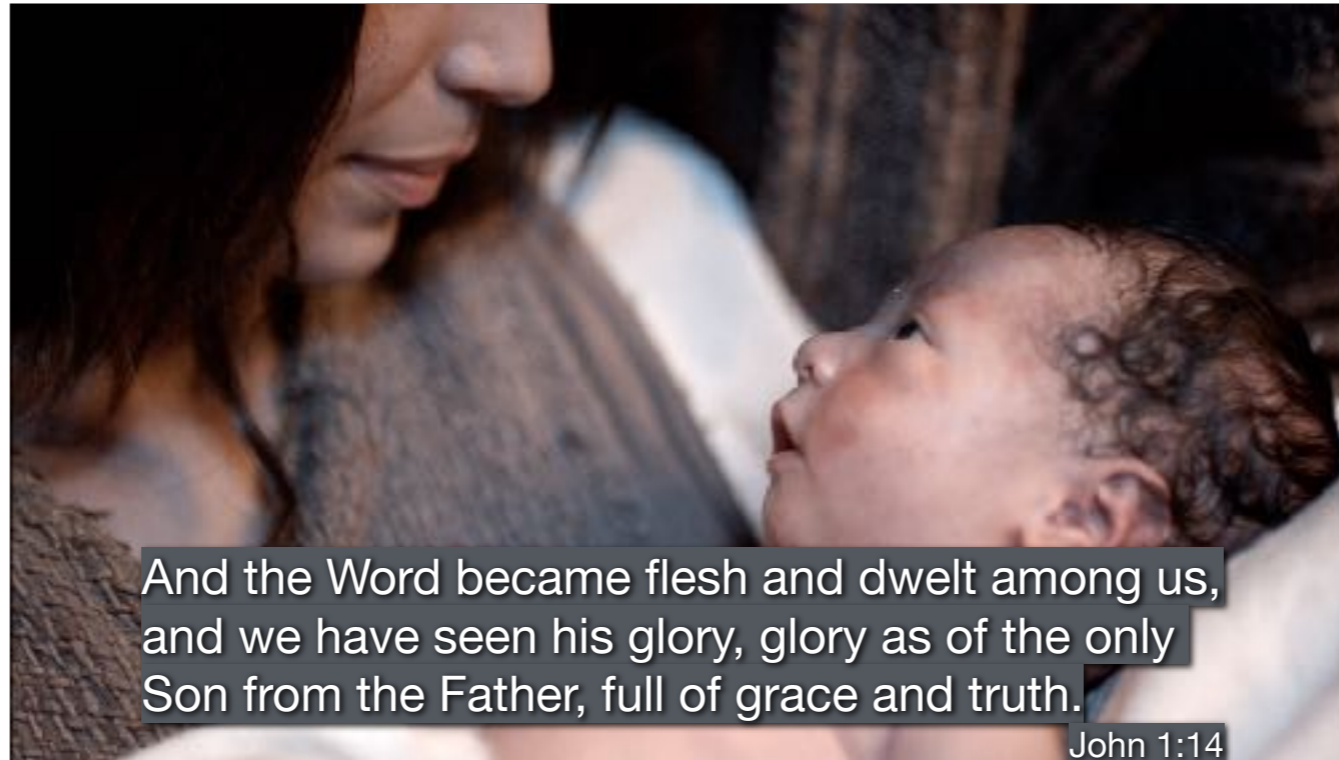
- John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
- John 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."



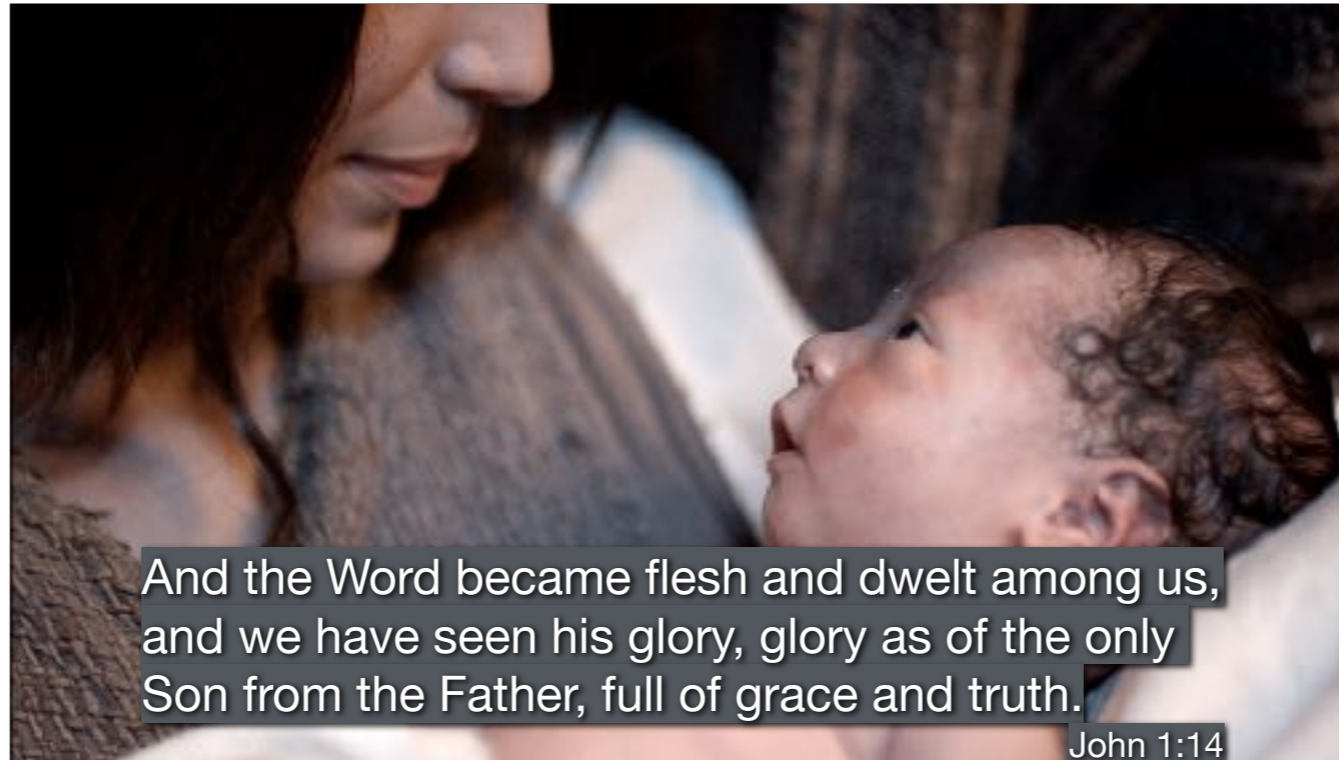
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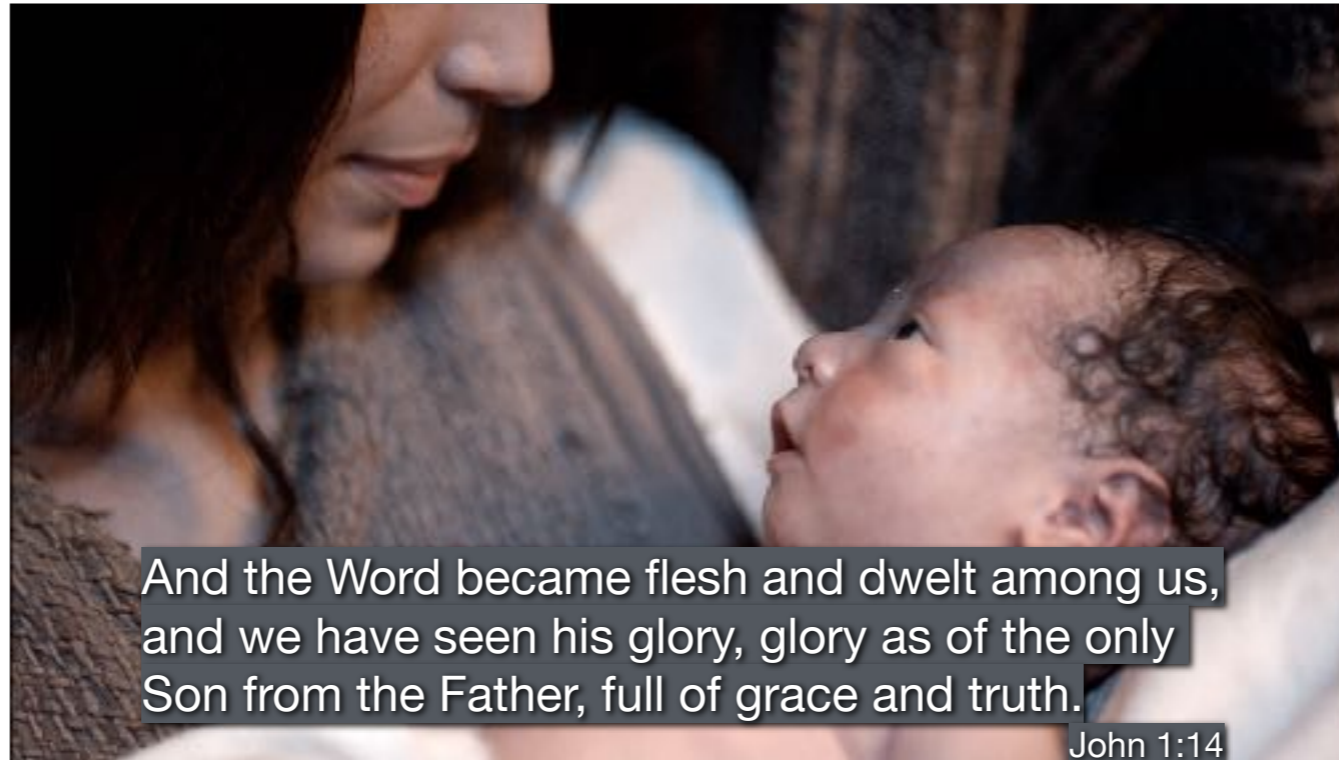
- John 12:35-36 (ESV) 35 So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, **that you may become sons of light.**”
- John 12:46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.



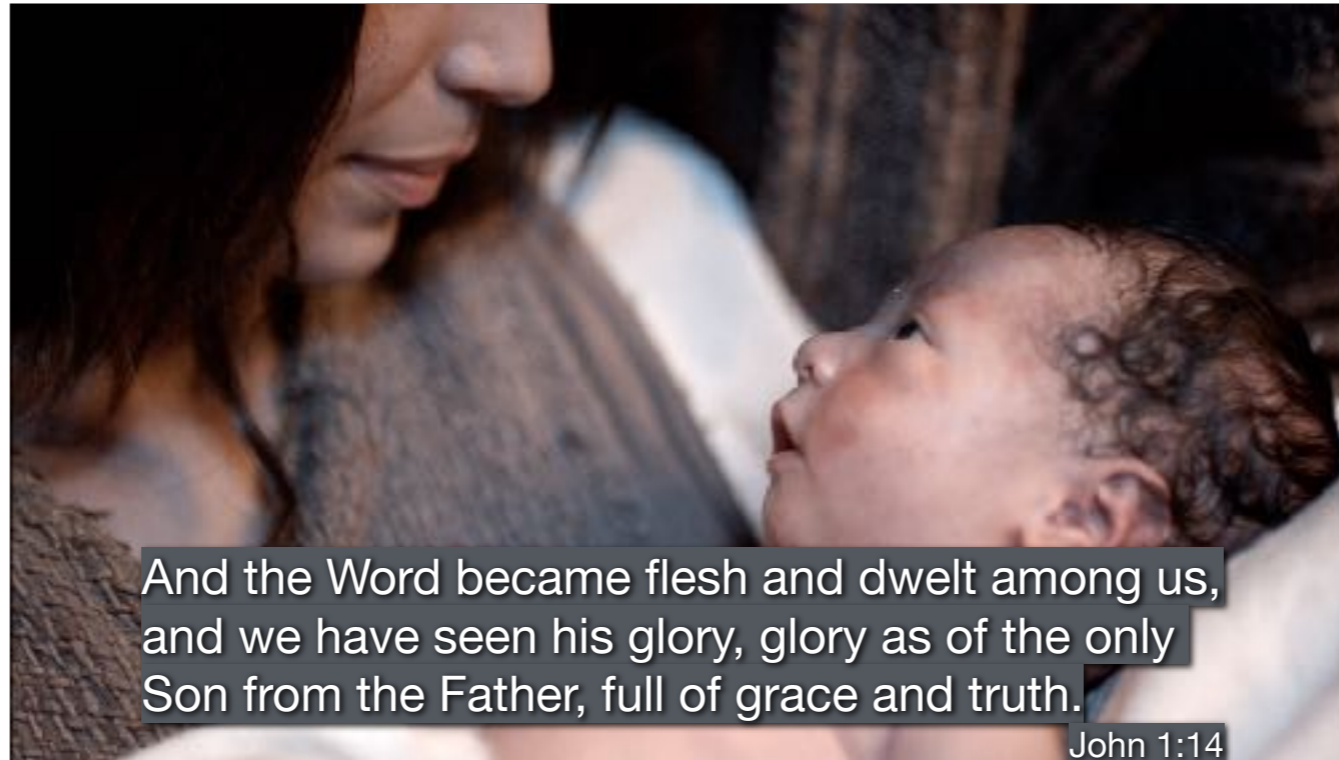
- John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
 - The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us
 - Born of a woman
 - Deity made human, living as we live
 - Hunger, thirst, sleep, death!
 - He worked as a carpenter



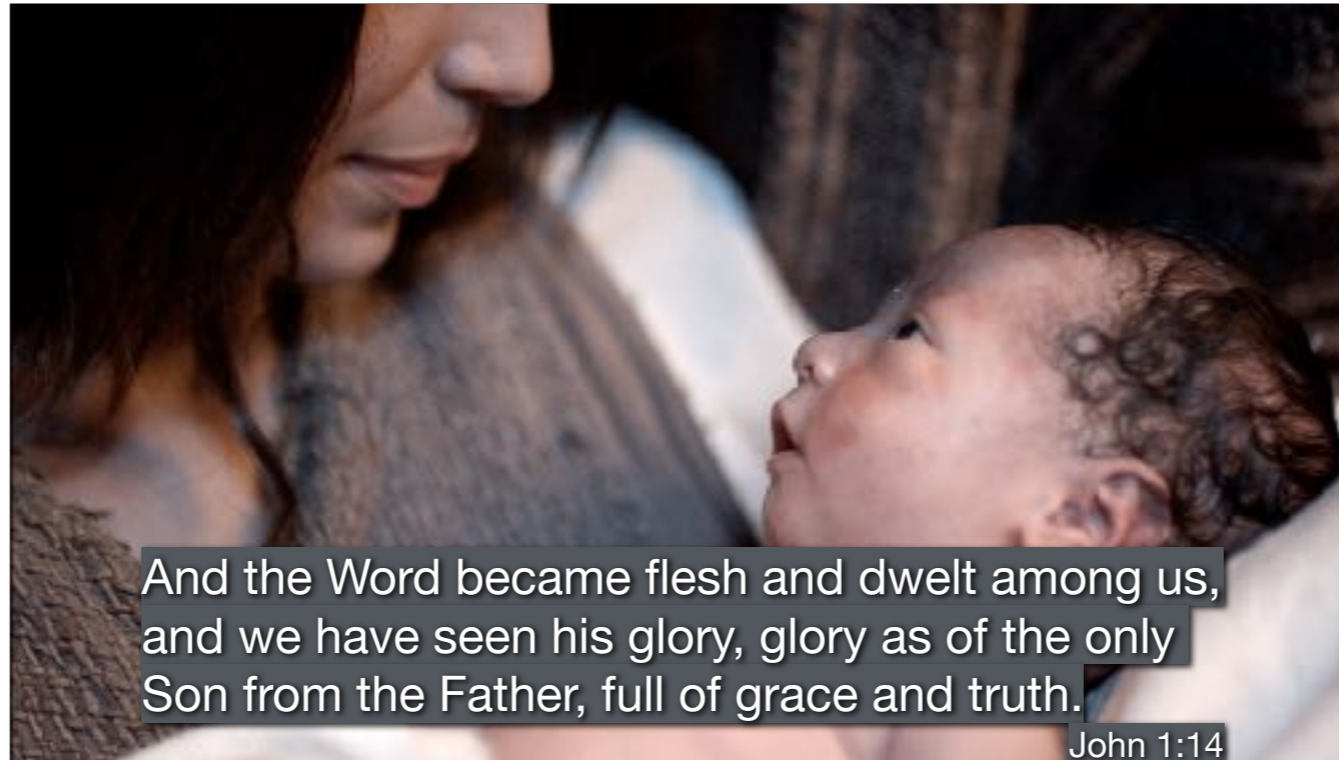
- Dwelt:
 - JFB: and dwelt--tabernacled or pitched his tent; a word peculiar to John, who uses it four times, all in the sense of a permanent stay
- full of grace and truth
 - As had been promised often in the OT
 - As only a true representative of God can be.



- and we beheld His glory
 - John reflecting on time with Jesus.
 - Vincent: The word denotes calm, continuous contemplation of an object which remains before the spectator.
- def. of glory
 - Thayer: splendor, brightness
 - magnificence, excellence, preeminence, dignity, grace.
 - majesty
 - Bauer: brightness, splendor, radiance



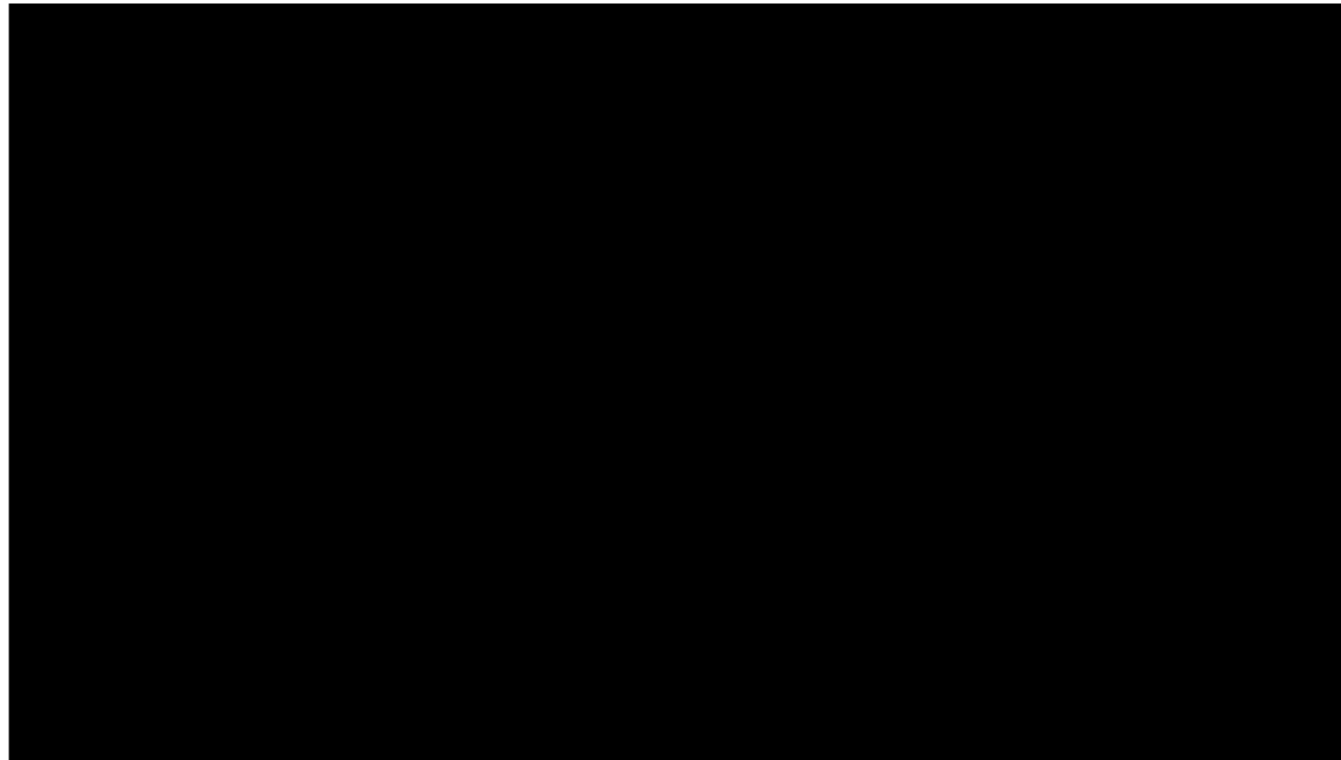
- as of the only Son from the Father
 - (as of the only begotten from the Father)
- John explains the glory of Christ!
 - Robertson: John clearly means to say that the manifested glory of the Word was as it were the glory of the Eternal Father shared with His only Son” (Bernard)
- only begotten (one and only)
 - Vincent: The glory was like, corresponds in nature to, the glory of an only Son sent from a Father. It was the glory of one who partook of His divine Father’s essence; on whom the Father’s love was visibly lavished, and who represented the Father as His ambassador.



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- This passage should amaze us ...
- I long to see his glory.
 - Know it and understand it.



- I'm going to try for less commentary in this lesson
- Pay attention to passages that speak of Jesus' glory
- Read along if you want.
- Or close your eyes, listen
- Try to take in His Glory

And as he was praying, the appearance of his face
was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white.

Luke 9:29

- Transfiguration
- Luke 9:28-36 (ESV) 28 Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. 30 And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. 34 As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” 36 And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

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- 2 Peter 1:16-18 (ESV) 16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” 18 we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

This illness does not lead to death.
It is for the glory of God,
so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.
John 11:4

- Raising Lazarus
- John 11:1-4 (ESV) 1 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." 4 But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

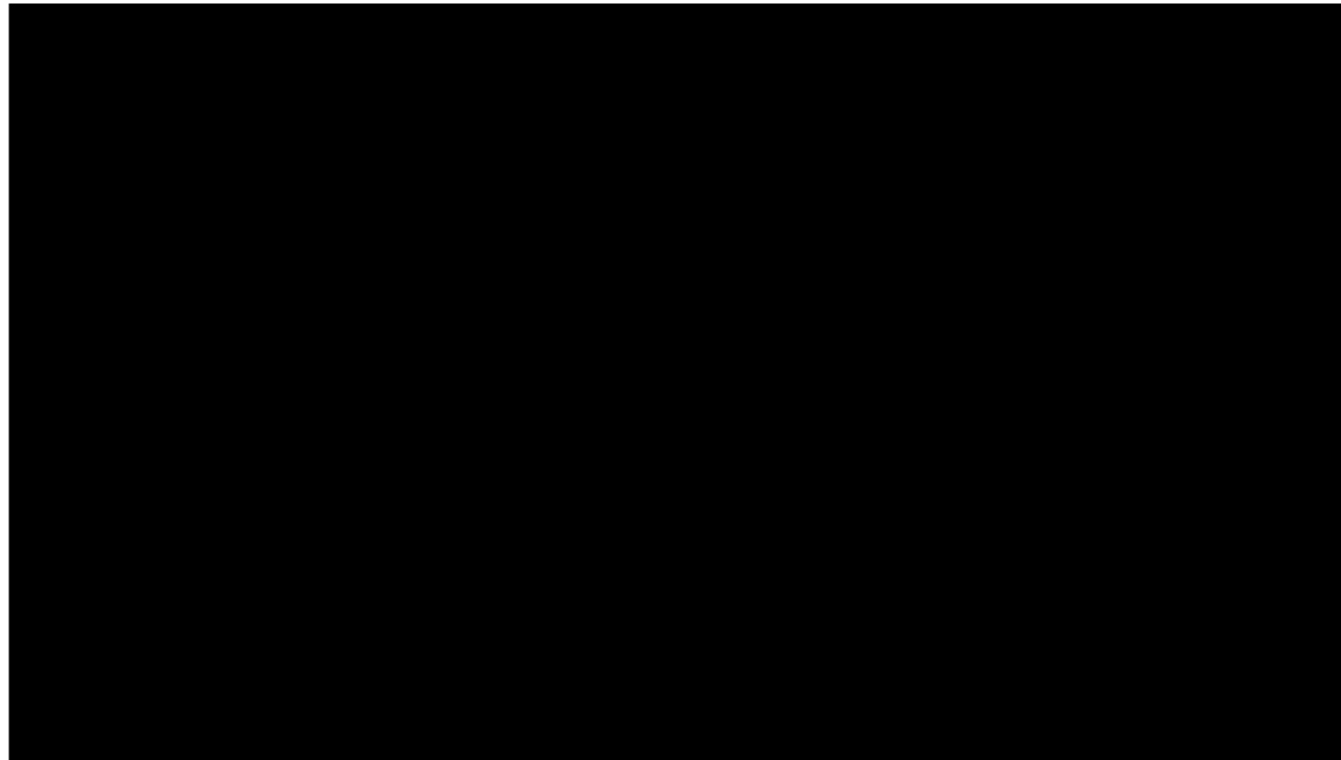
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- John 11:39-44 (ESV) 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone around me.

Acts 22:6

- Saul on road to Damascus
- Acts 22:6-7 (ESV) 6 “As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone around me. 7 And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’



- John's Later Vision of Jesus
- Symbolic vision of Jesus (vs. 12-16)
 - don't get caught in trap of explicit explanation of each symbol.
 - rather, first take in vision as a whole -- get overall impression.

His face was like the sun shining in full strength.

Revelation 1:16

- Revelation 1:12-17 (ESV) 12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. 17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,

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- 17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last,
- John’s reaction (17)
 - not just prostrating himself in worship -- much more
 - John now saw Jesus as he had never seen Him before!
 - (even being the ‘disciple whom Jesus loved’)

Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals
Revelation 5:9

- Further Visions: Revelation 5: The Lamb
- Note the emphasis on what he has done
 - Four Living Creatures and 24 Elders
 - 8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive
power and wealth and wisdom and might and
honor and glory and blessing!

Revelation 5:12

- Many Angels

- 11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

To him who sits on the throne and to the
Lamb be blessing and honor and glory
and might forever and ever!

Revelation 5:13

- Everyone and Everything

- 13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” 14 And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

While you have the light, believe in the light,
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John 12:36

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We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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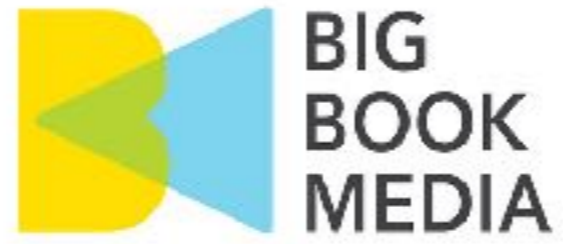


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Synopsis: In this lesson we are reminded of the importance of seeing the glory of Jesus.

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