

The Message Notes

Series: Biblical Human History 101

Message: *God in a Bod – Why did Jesus come?*

Text: St. John 1:14

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St. 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**. (ESV)

Biblical Human History:

Why: “We are seeking to **know God**, not just His **deeds**. We want to **know** His character, His intent for our existence, and how He deals with us individually and corporately, Psalms 103:7.”

1. God is Spirit, He created humanity in His image, male and female, so He could create a family and a kingdom on earth, Genesis 1:26-28

2. God placed the man and woman in the garden to dwell with them and instructed them to obey His word and carry out the following three purposes for their existence, Genesis 1:28, 2:15-17: reproduce, replenish, and reign.

3. Human beings disobeyed God; they wanted to make their own decisions about good and evil, therefore, they died spiritually. God removed them from the garden and promised He would amend His covenant and redeem them, Genesis 2-3.

4. God called Abram from his people to make a people. God promised Abram land and that his offspring would become a great nation, and all the families (nations) of the earth would be blessed through them, Genesis 12:1-3.

5. God called Moses and Israel to erect Him a tent in the desert, so He may dwell with them, Exodus 25:8-10. Solomon built a temple in Jerusalem, so God could dwell with Israel in the promise land, 2 Chronicles 7:1-3, Deuteronomy 7:6.

6. Israel rejected God as their King and wanted a king like all the other nations. God instructed Samuel to grant them their desires, 1 Samuel 8:4. Eventually, a series of ungodly kings and sin brought the judgment of God on Israel. God removed Israel from the promise land by the Babylonian and Assyrian captivities.

7. **Takeaway:** Neither Adam and Eve nor Israel fulfilled God’s plan to become His family and follow His plan so they could carry out His three purposes: reproduce, replenish, and reign over the earth.

Message: *God in a **Bod** – Why Jesus came:*

1. **Reveal** the Father:

St. John 14:8. Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

9. Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has **seen the Father!** (NLT)

2. **Restore** the Kingdom:

Matthew 4:17. From then on Jesus began to preach, "**Repent** of your sins and turn to God, for the **Kingdom** of Heaven is near." (NLT)

3. **Redeem** fallen humanity:

St. John 3:16. "For this is how God **loved** the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who **believes** in him will not **perish** but have **eternal** life. **17.** God sent his Son into the world **not to judge** the world, but to **save the world** through him. (NLT)

4. **Recreate** a people for Himself:

THE CHURCH:

Matthew 16:17. Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my **Father in heaven** has **revealed** this to you. You did not learn this from any **human being**. **18.** Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this **rock** I will **build my church**, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. **19.** And I will give you the **keys** of the **Kingdom** of Heaven. Whatever you **forbid** on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you **permit** on earth will be permitted in heaven. (NLT)

- ✓ **Father in heaven** – reveals Christ by His Spirit
- ✓ **Build My church** – called out assembly
- ✓ **Keys of kingdom** – authority of the kingdom of heaven

THE MISSION: Make Disciples of all Nations

Matthew 28:18. Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given **all authority** in **heaven** and on **earth**. **19.** Therefore, **go and make disciples** of **all the nations**, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **20.** **Teach** these **new disciples** to **obey** all the **commands** I have given you. And be sure of this **I am with you** always, even to the end of the age. (NLT)

- **All authority** – kingdom of heaven on earth
- **Go and make disciples of all nations** – reproduce/refill
 - ✓ **Baptize them** – identity in **Christ**
 - ✓ **Teach them** – how to bear the image of Christ

THE PRESENCE: "I am **with you always**", Ephesians 2:21-22, John 14:17