

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)

Introduction: Biblical Human History. WHY are we in this series: We are **seeking to know God personally:**

- Know His **character** (likes and dislikes)
- Know His **intentions** (purpose for our existence)
- Know His **dealings** (covenant), Psalms 103:7.”

Review:

1. God is **Spirit**. God created humanity in His **image** male and female and gave them liberties and limitations according to His covenant. He placed them in the garden of Eden to become **co-stewards** of the earth with Him, so they could **establish** His **family** and His **kingdom** on earth, Genesis 1:26-28

2. Adam and Eve **disobeyed** God, and **spiritually died** because they wanted to **become like** God to decide **good and evil** apart from God. God **removed** them from the garden but **promised** them He would **amend** His covenant and **redeem** them, Genesis 2-3.

3. God called Abram from his people to make a people for Himself from Abram's offspring. God promised Abram **land** and that his **offspring** would become a great nation, and all the families of the earth would be blessed through them, Genesis 12:1-3.

4. God called **Moses** and **Israel** to erect Him a **tent** in the desert, so He may **dwell** among them, Exodus 25:8-10.

5. God instructed Israel to **obey** His laws and if they disobey, they would be **overtaken** by their enemies and **removed** from the promise land that He was giving them. Israel **consented** to obey God, Exodus 19:5-8.

6. Israel became a **monarchy** and after a series of **ungodly** kings who sinned and brought the judgment of God on Israel, the temple of God was destroyed, and Israel was removed from the promise land by the Babylonian and Assyrian captivities, 1 Samuel, 8:4-9, 2 Chronicles 7:1-3.

7. Neither **Adam** and **Eve** nor **Israel** fulfilled God's plan to become co-stewards with Him, so they could establish His family and His kingdom on the earth. Therefore, God decided to come in a **Bod**.

Why Did God come in a Bod? – Four Reasons:

1. **Reveal** the Father, John 14:8-9, Characteristics of the Father:

- He is a Spirit – intangible but immanent
- He is Sociable – relational wants to be known/not religious
- He is Selfless – wants the best for me

2. **Restore** the Kingdom: Matthew 4:17, Jesus came to **fulfill** God's **original** plan for humanity of establishing His family and kingdom on earth:

- Jesus said, **pray** for the kingdom, "Your **kingdom** come soon. May your **will be done** on earth, as it is **in heaven**, Matthew 6:10."
- Jesus explains **positions** in the kingdom: "Those who are **great** among you shall be your **servants**, Matthew 23:11."
- Jesus explains **power** of the kingdom: "He sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to **heal the sick**, Luke 9:2."

3. **Redeem** fallen humanity: John 3:16-17, Jesus came to give **His life** as the **payment** of sin. **Why!** God **loves us** and wanted to redeem the image of God in humanity by Christ. He does **not** want anyone to suffer the judgement of the devil and his demons, Matthew 25:14.

4. **Reconcile** a people from a people for Himself:

a) **THE CHURCH: Matthew 16:16-19**

- Church is an assembly – a gathering of called people
- **Invisible** church – God builds the church by His Spirit
- **Institution** church – Man builds the church by submission – the consent of the people, 2 Timothy 2:19

b) **THE MISSION: Matthew 28:18-20**

- All **authority** – kingdom of heaven on earth
- Go and **make disciples** of **all** nations, **baptize them**, and **teach them to obey**.

3 Steps of Discipleship:

- **Follow** your teacher – wherever He goes
- **Become** like your teacher – able to capture
- **Do** works of your teacher – the same ability, John 14:12

c) **THE PRESENCE: Matthew 28:20** - "I am **with you always** even to the **end of the age**." John 14:16-17, Ephesians 2:21-22

Practicing His Presence: "Learning to live in a **constant** state of **awareness** of His **presence** by being **connected** with His **Spirit**, by spiritual disciplines.

Spiritual discipline: practicing something Jesus did repeatedly until it becomes **first nature** to us, so we can do something Jesus did but we cannot currently do right now by direct command.