

**DISCOVERING LIFE TOGETHER SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
**WORD ALIVE: THE WORD INCARNATE (JOHN 1:14-28)**

**NOTES:**

**Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study:**

**For Starters:** Have you met someone famous, if so who, when and why? Who have you met “in the flesh” that has made an impact on your life, famous or not?

**The Basics:** Read 1:14-28. What stands out to you and why? How do these verses continue to build upon John’s prologue themes from John 1:1-13?

**Quick Fire Round John 1:14-28**

1. Read John 1:14, Matthew 1:18-24 and Luke 2:8-14. What does John mean by *the Word became flesh and dwelt among us*? Does it matter that Jesus was both 100% God and 100% human? Why is the doctrine of the incarnation essential to Christianity?
2. Read Matthew 11:28-29, Philippians 2:1-11, Philippians 4:6-7, Hebrews 4:15-16, and 1 Peter 5:7. Jesus, in his humanity, understands everything we experience in life. What does this mean to you? Discuss.
3. Read John 1:14, 17, Exodus 33:18-19, Exodus 34:5-9, Jude 20-25 and 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12. Jesus is equally and fully both *grace* and *truth*. Define these two terms. When have you experienced grace and truth? Why do we need Jesus to be both?
4. Read Romans 6:1-12. What happens if either grace or truth is removed or abused? How can we tend to stretch truth, cheapen grace and/or become legalistic? Share examples.
5. Read John 1:19-24. John knew both his identity and role in relation to the incarnate Word. What is your identity and role? Why is your role just as important as John’s?

**The challenge:** Consider three things you can apply and live by based upon John’s prologue of Jesus being eternally God, creator God, light and life as well as and God incarnate (John 1:1-18).

**Memorize 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.

**Prayer:** Father, thank you that Jesus, as God, became like me. Thank you that you understand everything I go through and you promise never to leave nor forsake me. Amen.

**Resources:** <https://www.cru.org/content/dam/cru/train-and-grow/bible-studies/no-one-understands-jesus-study.pdf>; Bible Speaks Today – The Message of John, Bruce Milne; Exploring the Gospels.