

(1) I spoke at the start of this message about some of the greater mysteries that we encounter in this world. Which of them, or perhaps another, do you find to be the greatest of them all? Why?

(2) When you read about the Word in John 1:1-5 and then read John 1:14 which states that the Word became flesh, what strikes you most about the declaration? Explore for a few minutes the implications of what this entails. Do you find it to be beyond belief? If so, why? Or do you react with awe and amazement at God's incredible condescension?

(3) What does it mean to say that Jesus was as fully human as he was fully God? Does this make sense? Does this mean he was two persons? If not, why not? What is it about the humanity of Jesus that causes you the greatest problem? What is it that you find difficult to believe? Why was it even necessary for the Word to become flesh?

(4) What significance is there in the fact that the verb "dwelt" in 1:14 means "to pitch a tent" or to "take up residence in a tabernacle"?

(5) If Jesus is the ultimate embodiment and expression of the glory of God, what does this say about our tendency to think that to encounter God we need to go to a specific geographical location or gather in a particular temple or at a shrine? How does this affect the way we approach worship in a church gathering on Sunday morning?