

ENCOUNTER #2: John 1:6-18 HEAVEN'S LIGHT INTO EARTH'S DARKNESS

D-DAY the greatest invasion in military history 156,000 US, UK, CAN – 7000 ships, 2400 aircraft – FREEDOM / LIGHT IN DARKNESS / RESCUE OPERATION CONTIN.

- **GREATEST INVASION HUMAN HISTORY INCARNATION** – ultimate rescue operation - the fulness of heaven bringing true freedom / light in darkness

THIS IS THE APEX OF WHAT GOD WAS DOING – NT WRIGHT

MP: The incarnation of the Word of God was the invasion of the fulness of God onto earth to bring the kingdom of heaven into the lives of those who believe.

ILLUMINATION

CREATION: And darkness covered the face of the earth – LET THERE BE LIGHT

Isaiah 9:2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

THE TRUE LIGHT

- **Inward Illum:** additional gen rev to all mankind making all responsible
- **Outward Illum:** Made Himself visible – the invasion of true light shines and divides – **BRIGHTNESS OF THE INCARNATION**

DIVISION

Jesus is either lunatic, liar or Lord. C.S. Lewis

REJECTED BY HIS OWN

- To his own property or to his own home (**creation/Jewish people**)

Isaiah 65:2-3 I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³a people who provoke me to my face continually

ADOPTED GOD'S FAMILY FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE – THIS IS RESCUE

- Not blood (abe), will of the flesh (sexual) - man (effort) – **REBIRTH**
- **HEAVENLY FAMILY – THE DESIRE OF GOD**

Ephesians 1:5 In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Jesus demands a decision – the most controversial figure to ever live – either for/against

INCARNATION

IT HAPPENED - THE WORD BECAME FLESH

- + physical body - Real phys body – incarnate – **THE WORD OF GOD OF 1-5**

WITH US

- Dwelt: Pitched his tent – tabernacled among us Tabernacled – tent of meeting – Moses face to face w/God – Immanuel – **HUMANITY OF CHRIST**

The Word, God's very Self-expression, who was both with God and who was God, became flesh: he donned our humanity, save only our sin. God chose to make himself

known, finally and ultimately, in a real, historical man: 'when "the Word became flesh", God became man.

REVELATION

How do you put into words something that's so beautiful words won't capture?

GLORY – the ultimate theophany – appearance of GOD (the Jews knew) - **BEHELD**

- Chabod: used to denote visible manifestation God's self-disclosure in theophany

For John, the glory of Jesus was displayed in the signs he worked and more so in His the death he died and His resurrection

- **UNIQUENESS:** Only begotten of the father - We are adopted He is **BEGOTTEN**
- **GRACE AND TRUTH:** thank God for both of these

FULNESS: what does that word mean *plereo* where else is it used

- Grace Upon Grace: **PIPELINE GOD'S RICHES FLOW FREELY FAITH IN CHRIST**

Favor, strength, power, confidence, salvation, acceptance, justification,

- Law Came through Moses but Grace Full of grace and truth - **FULFILLMENT**

NT Wright on the Law through Moses – but grace – not in the sense of contrast (failure of one and the success of the other) but in the sense of fulfillment. What Moses couldn't do in the law pointed to and failed....

THE FATHER

MANIFEST: SHOWED US THE FATHER – THE ONLY ONE

ILLUSTRATION