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La Jolla Christian Fellowship  
**The Gospel of John // S1 E5 Life in The Middle**  
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**John 1:14-18**

- <sup>14</sup> *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*
- <sup>15</sup> *John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'"<sup>16</sup> From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.<sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.<sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.*

In John 1:14-18 we see God's plan of revelation— "God became flesh and dwelt among us."

**Vs. 14** *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

- **Word:** λόγος-logos
- **Flesh:** σάρξ-Sarx
- **Dwells:** ἐσκήνωσεν-Skēnoō
  - Glory is made visible in the midst of dwelling. Where there is no dwelling there is no glory.

**In verse 14 we are also told about Christ's identity and origins.**

- **Vs. 14b** *We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father.*

In verse 14 we are also told that Christ appeared in the **fullness** of "grace and truth".

- In Jesus there is no lack.
- Jesus arrives in the **fullness** of grace and truth.
- Grace preempts truth.

**John the Baptist cries out about Jesus from the midlands of Christ journey.**

- John testifies concerning Him. He cries out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.'
- Blessings flow from the middle place
  - **Vs. 16** *From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.*
    - Blessing originates from grace.

**Vs. 18** *No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.*

- By coming to earth and dwelling in the flesh amongst us, God as Father has been made known.
- **1 Corinthians 3:16** *Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?*
  - Dwells: οικήω οικήō: To inhabit or dwell within.

**Questions for small groups:**

1. Vs. 15 says that "John cries out" regarding making Jesus known. Are we called to do the same and if so, how?
2. There are two uses of the word **dwelt** in the passage. One means Jesus is among us and the other within us. What is the difference between the two and how does it practically change our identity as believers?
3. Jesus came in fullness and blesses us with that fullness. If that is so, why do we so often live in a lack mindset? How can we change that?
4. Vs. 15 puts grace before truth when speaking of what Christ brought to us in fullness. Why is this order important?
5. Our mission is to point to Jesus and make him known in the world. How are you doing that?