

“Jesus Became Like Us So That We Can Become Like Him”

John 1:14; 1 John 3:2

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Introduction: Some of you need Jesus for your salvation. You know about Jesus, but you do not know Jesus in a personal way. Today, that can change. Once you are saved, Jesus needs more of you so that you can become more like Him.

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1. There was a time when Jesus became one of us (John 1:14).

- The apostle John tells the Christmas story in four words. He simply said, “The Word became flesh.” In comparison, Luke in his gospel used 2,500 words.
- The birth of Jesus was unique. It was one of a kind; unlike anything else.
- When a child is born, a new life is created. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a new life was not created. A person came into this world who had existed from all eternity.
- In John 1:1-3, the apostle John made clear that Jesus existed before creation.
- The word “was” in John 1:1 is in the Greek imperfect tense which expresses a continuous state not a completed past.
- The Lord Jesus had this inner glory, that is, God was in residence in Him.
- Jesus “dwelt” among us; He was full of grace and truth as opposed to being full of the law.

T.S. In 1 John 3:2, the apostle tells how the story ends.

2. There will be a time when we will become like Him (1 John 3:2).

- no more sickness and death (! Corinthians 15:42)
- no more sin (1 Corinthians 15:43a)
- no more weakness in temptation (1 Corinthians 15:43b)
- no limits to time and space sphere (1 Corinthians 15:44). (We will have strong and ageless bodies at home in the presence of God.)

Conclusion: If you like the destination you are going to, you do not mind the journey getting there. Let me share an example. (To hear this story, listen to the sermon on the church web page www.fbp.org).