

Sermon Notes – John 1 God Crosses the Boundary of Light

At Christmas, there is something that happens with lights. We love lights at Christmas. We decorate our trees with lights. Many people decorate their houses with lights. We love to drive through the park to see all the lights. Amazing! Wonderful!

Question: What is it that gives us a good feeling? The brightness, the sparkle, the warmth?

Read Genesis 1:1-3 – God Creates Light

The first thing God created was light. Notice He didn't create the sun and the stars till day four!

Light is the one constant in the entire universe. Light is the outer most boundary of everything we know.

God Used Light to Come and Go

At Christmas God opens some kind of channel into our universe, and He enters in. Until this point, God is somehow seen in our world, but He is basically outside our universe.

- At one point, Moses goes to see God on the mountain, and when Moses returns, he is glowing.
- Some would call angels "Beings of Light."
- The Apostle Paul sees a bright light and falls to his knees blind.
- What do we say someone sees as they die? A great light.

Interesting that light appears to be a scientific boundary that we don't think we can cross.

But at Christmas, something totally different happens. Something new. Something unexpected.

Incarnation -- God Crosses the Boundary of Light

We've seen the spread of sin multiplied over and over. But at Christmas God puts something into the stew of creation that changes it at its very core – God put Himself into it!

Read John 1:1-5 – The Darkness Has Not Understood Light

The problem is that the light is supposed to be a boundary for people, but people have failed to understand the boundaries. So God crosses the boundary!

The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. – John 1:9

God took on flesh. God became reproducible. Can you believe that? God became reproducible. He took on DNA, and what does DNA do? It reproduces.

How Does God Reproduce?

Read John 1:10-13 – God Reproduces in You

A mash-up happens when God becomes reproducible.

When God brought his fullness into the flesh of Jesus, He made it possible for God to enter into our own flesh some way, some how. He changed our future. This is Christmas.

Read John 1:14 -- Jesus Moves Into Your Neighborhood

Jesus walks... again... at Christmas. God walks through His creation again. And He asks the man... and the woman... to join Him... not only on His walks, but to work with again... to become artists again... and to daily admire each other's work.

Prayer: Let's ask Jesus to do that in our hearts right now!

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- God's Light was not enough to change people
- When it comes to day to day life, you're on your own

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