



WOW: Word Of the Week

LOGOS

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December—the world is thinking, wondering, worshiping, celebrating...the birth of a child... the birth of THE child... simple yet profound. The Nativity accounts in Matthew and Luke will be read often this month. Yet, the words may fail to communicate the majesty and

Splendor. Often overlooked is how the Apostle John wrestled the Nativity into words.

With its revelation of the nature of the cosmic Christ, John 1 is often overlooked as a Nativity passage.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Logos, the Word. Jesus' coming not only brings order out of chaos, it also makes everything logical. Same root word! God communicates in a new, fresh, intimate way. What is happening? Transcendence is made intimate. Majestic God high and lifted up comes to dwell among us. God is both high and nigh. Glory to God in the highest, because grace has appeared on earth.

What is the appeal, magic, mystery of Christmas? Is it not God with us, Immanuel? Indeed! Transcendence is brought down to our level. Now we can understand. God reveals himself and his nature in a living Word-Logos, consistent with his written Word-Logos.

As I concluded last Sunday's sermon, I surfaced the question, Has Christ been born in your life? The Word became flesh, like us, not to remain distant, but to take up residence among us, within us, dwelling in our hearts by faith. John Wesley observed that focusing on the Christ born in a Bethlehem house will make little difference in your life unless He has been born in your heart, taking up residence.

Many things may come to your mind when you think of Logos. Here's something to add. God is telling you who he is and inviting you to share in his life and light.

Merry Christmas friends—brothers and sisters in Christ, neighbors, friends and family. May you in this season make room in your hearts, lives, and families for the Word, the Logos, the One who is for us who believe, all at the same time, Preexistent God, Babe in the manger, and Savior of the world