

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

Hadih, I'm Dick Walker. Welcome to the Carrier Bible Study. 'Awet Yak'usda Ooghuni whuts'odutil'eh.

The Gospel of John was written to help us to understand who Jesus, the Son of God is. The first few verses of John teach us that 1. Jesus is God, 2. He is the Word of God, 3. He is the Creator, and 4. He is the light of the world. He knows all about us. He knows what we are struggling with and He knows how to answer our prayers. The Gospel of John is also teaching us that the Lord Jesus Christ, by His death on the cross, has given us the choice to become His children. When we were born, we were born with eternal life, but because of the sin of Adam and Eve, when we were born, we were born, we were under the control of Satan, the devil. When we were under his control, we did what the devil wanted us to do. But when Jesus, the Son of God died for us on the cross, He made it possible not only to be forgiven for all of our sins, to be saved from Satan's control. This happens the very moment when, by faith, we invite Jesus into our life.

Here in the Gospel of John, during the time when Jesus, was in this world, by the words that He spoke and by the life that He lived, He revealed to us the unbelievable greatness and nature of God the Father. We read here in 1:14, **“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. 'Et ndi khuni Yak'usda unli, 'i dune suli 'ink'ez netoh dune inle' 'et whe dádilti' la ts'onalh'en. Ndi yé dízti', 'i Yak'usda 'ilhoghun za ooYe' yé dizti'-i 'unt'oh. Ye unzoo-i 'aw oola tanaluhóo'oh 'ink'ez khuni 'alha' 'unt'oh-i za be yálhduk.** Jesus, as Son of God, came into this world to make it possible for us to be saved from our sins and Satan's control. That was some of His glory. The second part of v.14 says **and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, Ndi yé dízti', 'i Yak'usda 'ilhoghun za ooYe' yé dizti'-i 'unt'oh. Ye unzoo-i 'aw oola tanaluhóo'oh 'ink'ez khuni 'alha' 'unt'oh-i za be yálhduk 'et whe dádilti' la ts'onalh'en.** (That is the greatness/glory of Jesus. Jesus, as Son of God had the same glory or greatness as the Father. John writes that “we saw what this glory was like). And the next part of this verse 14 tells us what this glory was that they saw. It says Jesus was: **full of grace and truth. Ye unzoo-i 'aw oola tanaluhóo'oh 'ink'ez khuni 'alha' 'unt'oh-i za be yálhduk. 'ink'ez netoh dune inle'.” Unzoo-i 'aw oola tanaluhóo'oh 'ink'ez khuni 'alha' 'unt'oh-i za be yálhduk**. People observed two things in Jesus's life, “grace and truth”. He always spoke the truth and He spoke about God's grace. One dear brother once told me, “Dick when I read about grace and truth, I have to put on the brakes and think about it.” Maybe we too should pause and think about grace and truth. What about us? How do we speak and live a life of grace and truth? Do we always speak the truth? Are we always kind or gracious to others? If we are honest, we have to admit that we sometimes wrongly criticize people, we ‘call them down’, we laugh at some, and some people we don't want to be around. Let's be honest, sometimes we may not be very gracious and truthful. But what about Jesus? He never did any of those things. The way He lived in this world and what He said to people was always with words of grace and truth.

Here in v15-16 John the Apostle writes about what John the Baptist said about Jesus. We read, **“John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, “He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me” 'En ghun John ubudáni' inle', dune bulh yálhduk whe, “Ndun 'en ghun nohdásni', sk'elh'az whusatíyalh whutisdleh whutsoda' 'et khuna whe 'unt'oh 'et sando 'unt'oh,” ubúlhni.** John the Baptist knew his own

birth was unusual. The angel Gabriel had told John's father, that even though he and his wife were old, God was going to make it possible for them to have a special child. This unique child was to be named John. He was to tell people that the promised One, the Lord Jesus, was coming into the world. John knew that he was born before the Lord Jesus had come into the world. That's why John said, "He was before me and He was the important One.", **sk'elh'az whusatíyalh whutisdleh whutsoda' 'et khuna whe 'unt'oh 'et sando 'unt'oh,**", John said that the Lord Jesus is the One all people were looking for. I trust that that is the way with us too. I trust that Jesus is always on our minds and that we are always looking for Him.

Now John, the Apostle, continues in v.16 speaking about the Lord Jesus, we read: **And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. 'Ink'ez neBa yut'i-i 'andit ts'iyawh negha íninla. Dzin totsuk ye unzoo-i neba 'on 'un 'unt'oh.** John is telling us that when Jesus came into this world, by the way He lived His miraculous life, He has given to us everything we need to live our lives the way God wants us to live. Our loving God wants to help us. If we want to please God and live for Him, there is only one thing for us to do. He has given us a choice. He has provided everything we need to live right, and to have peace in our hearts. He gives us the choice to turn to Jesus and by faith invite Him into our lives.

Then in v.17 we read: **For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Yak'usda khuni yutulhúhizye'-i, 'i Moses 'en gha netl'a ídan'ai ínle'. 'Et hoonts'i 'andit Jesus Christ 'en gha ye unzoo-i 'ink'ez khuni 'alha' 'unt'oh-i neghalts'ut.** John explains that before Jesus came, God the Father had given to His people, the Jews, a lot of requirements for them to live by. The major requirements, or rules, are the Ten Commandments. These Ten Commandments tell us that in order to be right in God's sight, we must keep all of those rules. If break even one of them, God will judge you as a sinner. God was telling His people, the Jews, that everyone of the rules He had Moses write down must be obeyed. If they didn't keep them all, they would not be a righteous person in God's presence. There were a lot of Jewish people who loved God and wanted to follow His requirements and they felt bad because, as hard as they tried, they couldn't keep all of the rules. And that's true for us too. Just like them, we know that we sometimes don't keep all of the commandments. Sometimes we too are not right in God's sight. The good news is that John tells us that God had purposely withheld some of the truth about Himself, until it was the right time to send Himself as God the Son into this world. He wants us to understand how much He loves us and how willing He is to forgive us. That is God's grace – ye unzoo-i. God loves you so much that if you turn to Him in faith, all of the things that you have ever done wrong, He will forgive. That is the wonderful truth about His grace. It is not keeping the rules of a religion or trying to be a nice person, God's wonderful righteousness and salvation comes by faith in Him.

V.18 says: **"No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him. 'Aw Yak'usda yan'en-un hooloh 'et 'aw 'ilhoghun ooYe', ooBá 'uk'enus yuk'entsi'-un Yak'usda ghun 'et whunénulhtan."** God, the Son, extremely loved by God the Father, when He was in this world, revealed to us what our Father in heaven is like. He wants us to receive His salvation by faith in Christ, and live our lives for Him.