



Advent Week 4

Day 28, Saturday, December 25th

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

John 1:14

Our text from John 1, which is where began this Advent series, reminds us that although Jesus was the only begotten Son of God, the eternal and living Word, he chose to come and dwell with us.

The Greek word that we so sweetly translate as "dwelt among us" is more closely translated as "he tabernacled with us" or as it has also been put, Jesus has "pitched his tent with us." He's taking up residence in and with us.

From here on Earth, he experienced life in every way as we know it. Through all of those experiences, the glory and grace of God shown through. No matter how humble our circumstances, or desperate our lives, this truth remains: God is with us and grace and glory will shine through.

It may be difficult to see or imagine sometimes but God is here.

Into a rough straw manger came one from glory to change the world. Jesus has known our hunger, our cold, smelled the smoke from our fires, and shared fellowship with friends. It is that intimate fellowship that he longs to experience with us once more. It is that friendship that we need now more than anything else. It is that fellowship that makes this season what it is.

REFLECT: Where in the midst of this Christmas season do you need to find Jesus most? Where do you long for his friendship? Try to picture him already there in that place of need.

PRAY: Lord, meet us where we are today and draw us nearer to your heart. Help us never to forget that you dwell among us and you long for fellowship with us. May we notice you today. Amen.

