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### I. The Identity of the Word (14a)

#### A. Who He Was before the Incarnation (1-4)

1. He was the Ultimate Self-Expression of God (1a)
2. He was eternal (1a)
3. He was eternally with God (1b)
4. He was God (1c-2)
5. He was the exclusive agent of creation (3a)
6. He Himself was uncreated (3b)
7. He was self-existent (4a)
8. He gave life to everything & everyone (4b)

#### B. Who He Became in the Incarnation (17)

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## Council of Chalcedon (451 AD)

“Following, then, the holy Fathers, we all with one voice teach the confession of one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable soul and body; consubstantial with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the Manhood; in all things like unto us, without sin.”

John Milton

*On the Morning of Christ's Nativity*

“That glorious form, that light insufferable, and that far-beaming blaze of majesty, wherewith He wont at heaven’s high council table, to sit the midst of Trinal Unity, He laid aside; and here with us to be, forsook the courts of everlasting day, and chose with us a darksome house of clay.”

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  - B. Where He Dwelt – *"among us"*

# Implications...

- If you are not a follower of Jesus...
  1. This paragraph is here to convince you of who Jesus is and that you should believe in Him (20:30-31).
  2. If you come to Him, Jesus will receive you (1:10-13).
- If you are a follower of Jesus...
  1. The incarnation is a powerful reminder of your duty to share the gospel with others (Mt. 5:15-16; Phil. 2:15).
  2. The incarnation is a powerful reminder of God's love for you (1 Jn. 4:9-10)!