

# THE INCARNATION

Jn. 1:1-3, 14, 18, 1 Tim. 3:16

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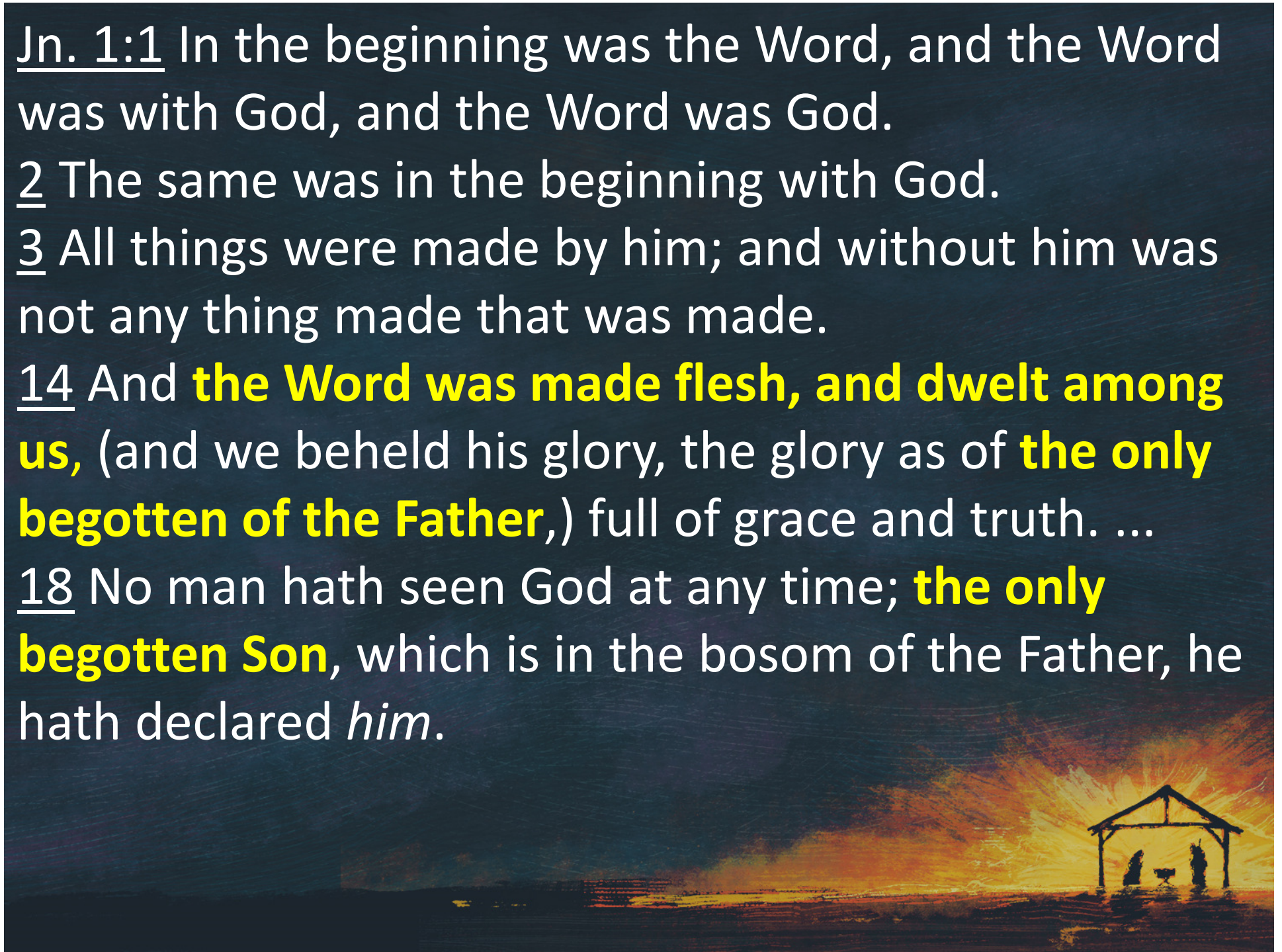
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A. There was no beginning for the Lord Jesus Christ  
– Eternity

- “In the beginning...” the Lord Jesus Christ was already there.
- “In the beginning...” the Lord Jesus Christ was the Creator.



Eph. 3:9 And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, **who created all things by Jesus Christ:**

- “In the beginning...” the Lord Jesus Christ was God and will always be God.

B. There was a beginning for Jesus – Bethlehem

2 Cor. 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet **for your sakes** he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.



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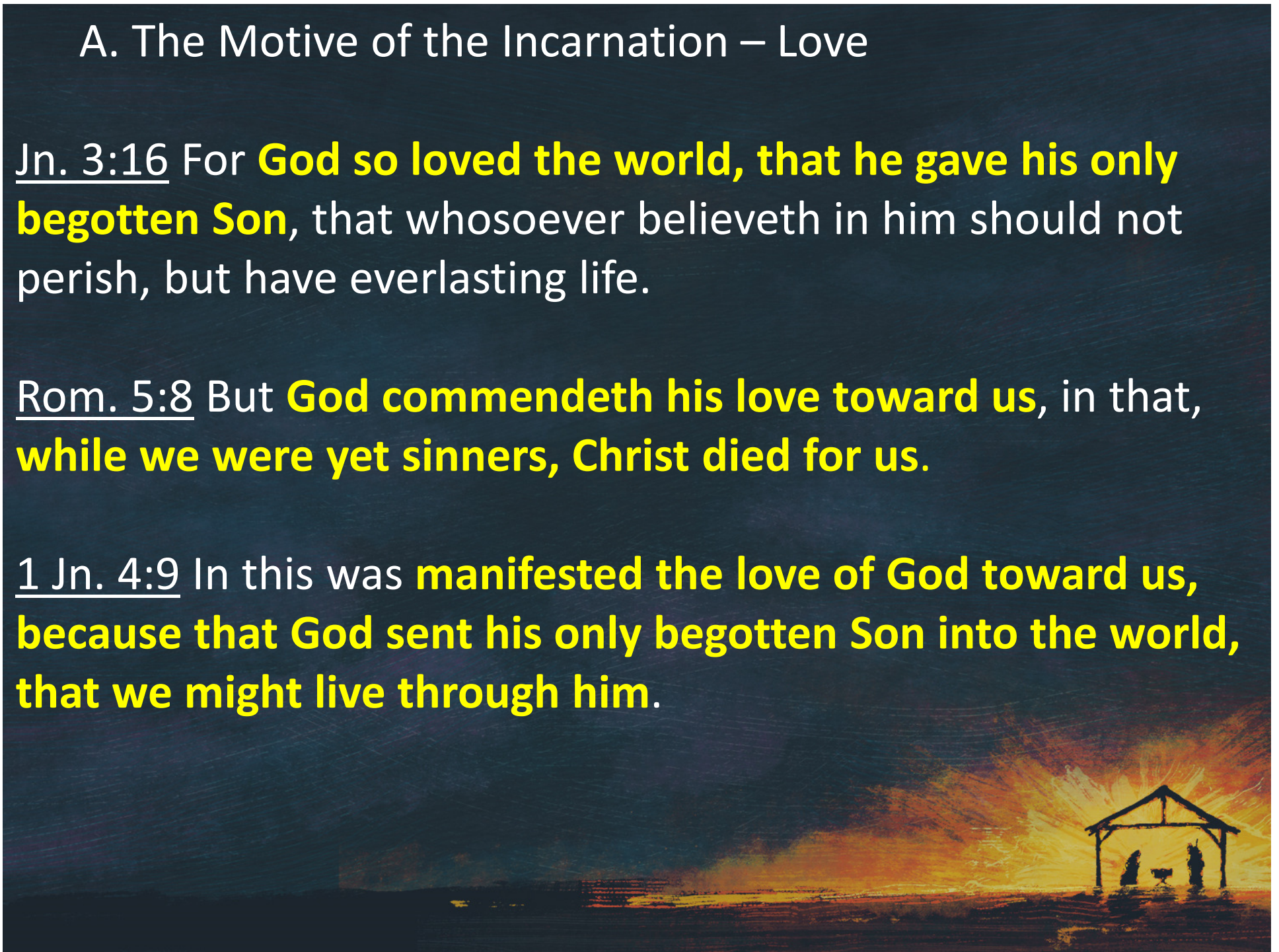


## A. The Motive of the Incarnation – Love

Jn. 3:16 For **God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Rom. 5:8 But **God commendeth his love toward us**, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

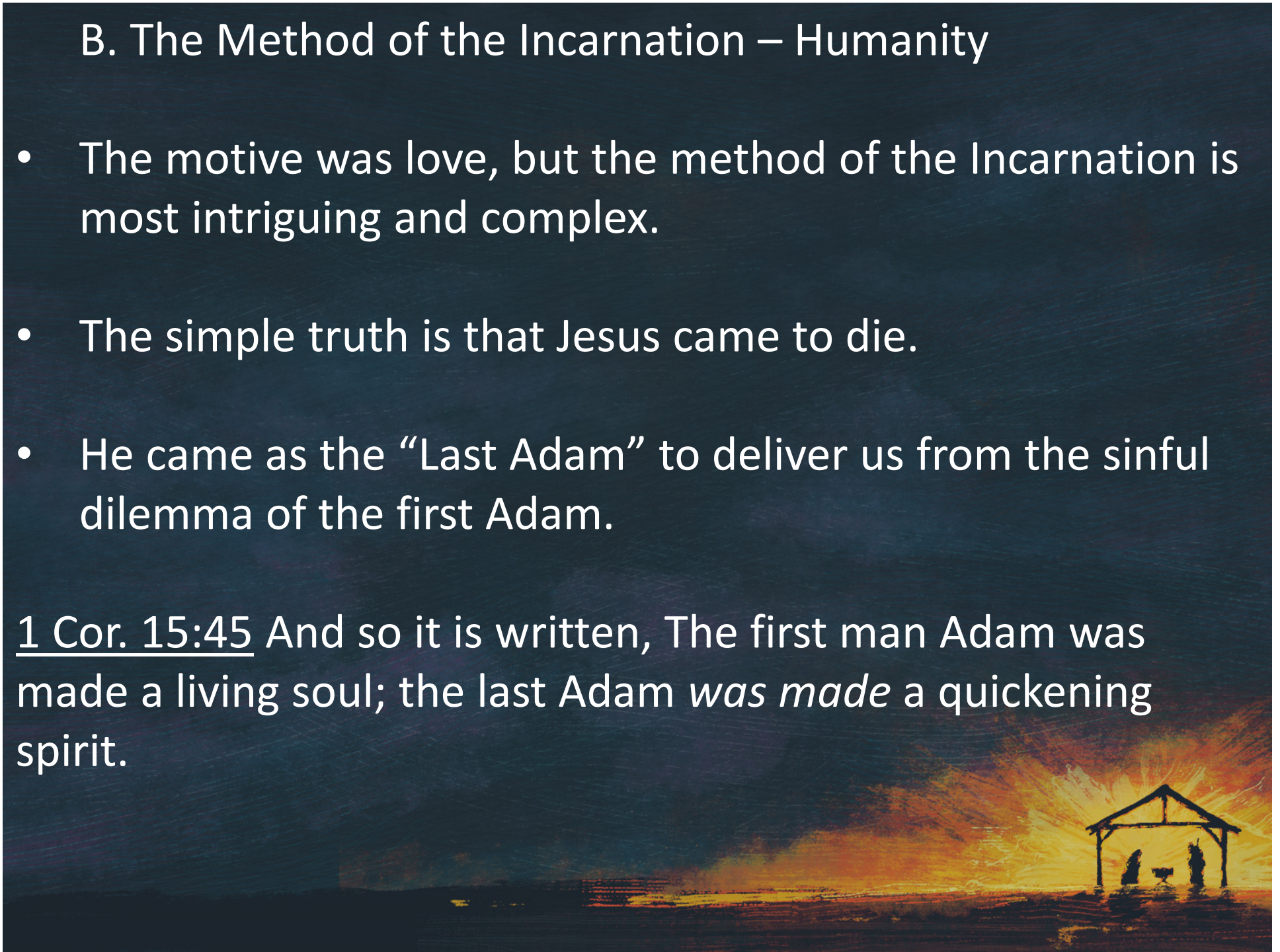
1 Jn. 4:9 In this was **manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.**



## B. The Method of the Incarnation – Humanity

- The motive was love, but the method of the Incarnation is most intriguing and complex.
- The simple truth is that Jesus came to die.
- He came as the “Last Adam” to deliver us from the sinful dilemma of the first Adam.

1 Cor. 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.

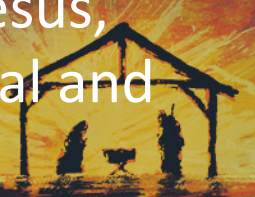


Rom. 5:12 Wherefore, as **by one man sin entered** into the world, and **death by sin**; and so death passed upon all men, for that **all have sinned**:

Sin is the reason Jesus came to die. In 2 Cor. 5:21, we see this stark reality:

2 Cor. 5:21 For he hath made him **to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**

- In order for Jesus to die for our sins, He needed to be clothed in human form.
- As God, He cannot die.
- Mary was not the mother of God. She was the mother of Jesus, providing the human body in anticipation of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.



Phil. 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery **to be equal with God:**

7 But made himself of no reputation, and **took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:**

8 And being found in fashion as a man, **he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

11 And *that* **every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

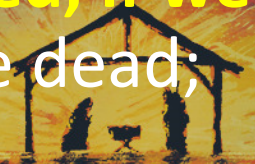


## C. The Majesty of the Incarnation –the Savior and Salvation

- The only way that any of us, as sinners, can be considered righteous before God, is to have the righteousness of Christ imputed to us.
- Such imputation only happens when we place our faith in Him, and what He has done.

Jas. 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, **Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness:** and he was called the Friend of God.

Rom. 4:24 But **for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him** that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;



- The only way to heaven is through the Lord Jesus Christ:

Jn. 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for **there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

When we place our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, then we understand that religious efforts are futile. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances that symbolize the Gospel, but faith in such good works will not suffice for our souls.

Eph. 2:8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: *it is the gift of God:*

9 **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

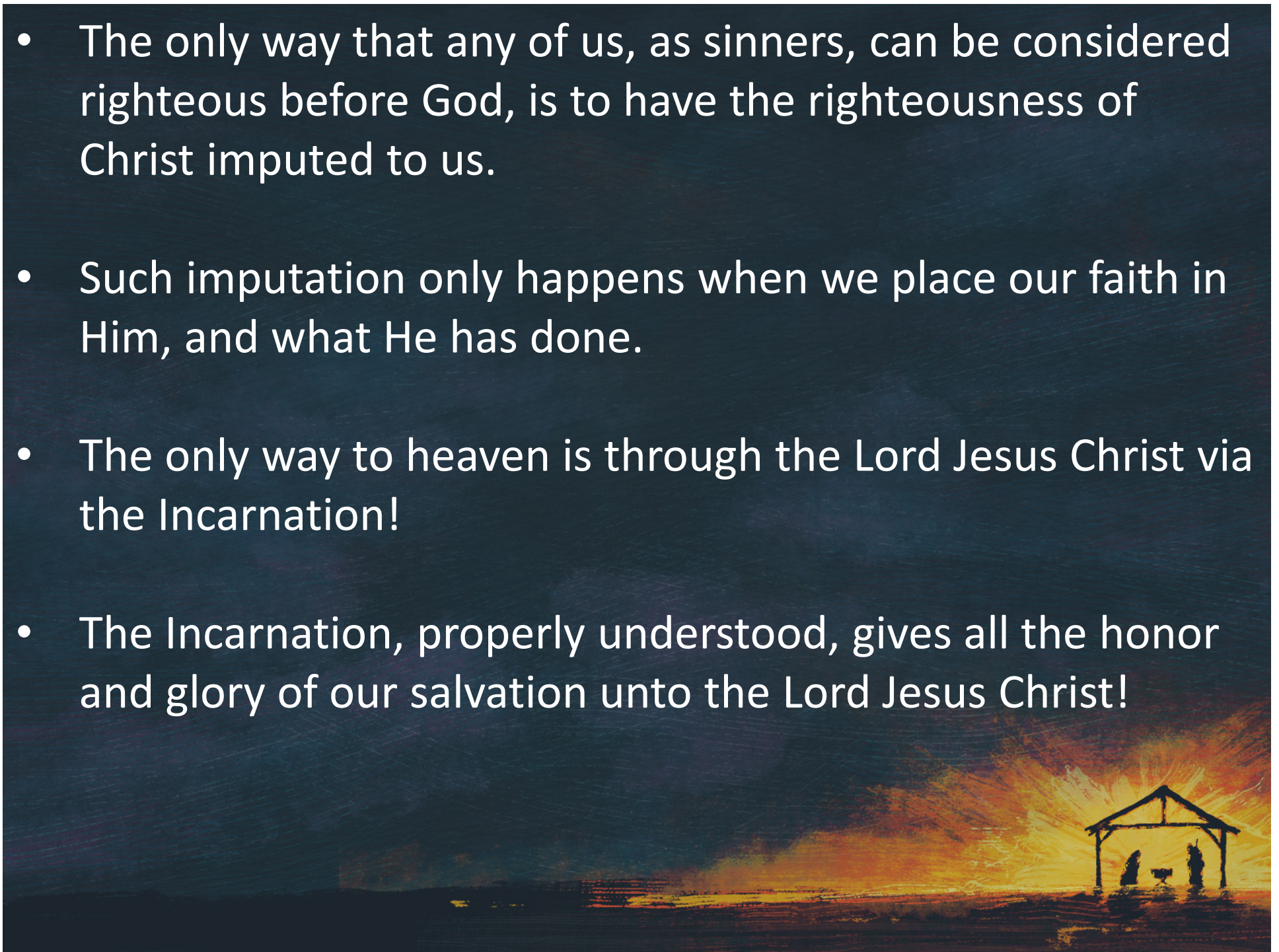


## Summary

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- The motive of the Incarnation was love, but the method of the Incarnation is most intriguing and complex.
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- The only way to heaven is through the Lord Jesus Christ via the Incarnation!
- The Incarnation, properly understood, gives all the honor and glory of our salvation unto the Lord Jesus Christ!



## Conclusion

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore **if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Cor. 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: **behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.**)

