

Theophanies

Week 1: John 1:1-18

News & Notes:

- Christmas/Stewardship
- Pope Benedict XVI
- Schedule



Definitions

- Theophanies – *an appearance of God*
- Epiphany – “aha moment”; *something is revealed to us about God*
- Incarnation – *God takes on human flesh; God becomes man*

John 1:1-5

- “In the beginning” – What does John immediately take us to?
- “The Word” = God, yet a separate person. (Gen 1:26)
- What does “The Word” do? (vs. 3) (ex. Matthew 9, Luke 17, John 11, Sunday Morning Absolution)
- Explain the Darkness and light metaphor? (Psalm 119:105; Eph 2:1-10)

John 1:6-8

- Who is “John” in verse 6?
- “He came to bear witness...but he was not the light” – look at John 3:22-30

John 1:9-18

- Why did the world not know the True Light?
- “He came to His own” – Who did He come to? Why did they not receive Him?
- “all who received Him, who believed in Him, He gave the right to become children of God” – How did they become children of God? (Galatians 3:26-29)
- “When did The Word become flesh”?
- “Word” =
- What does it mean that “the Word” dwelt among us?
- Glory = God’s Presence
- Law given through Moses; Grace and Truth through Jesus

- “No one has ever seen God...Jesus has made Him known”

Application

- Theophanies are temporary...Incarnation is permanent
- Jesus is fully God **AND FULLY HUMAN** forever
 - A real flesh and blood human rose from the dead
 - A real flesh and blood human has entered heaven
 - A real flesh and blood human sits on THEE throne and rules all things and sympathizes with His human brothers and sisters on earth. (Hebrews 4:14-16)
- Today, I don’t need to look for a Theophany. When I went to see God where do I look?
 - Where has He promised to be found?