

Catechism Lesson for Adults and Teens

Sunday of Pascha

The Word Became Flesh

Read the Gospel Passage AND the verses before it of this Sunday:

John 1:1-17

Contextual Background:

-The beginning of John's Gospel doesn't begin with Jesus' birth or even John the Baptist's birth, but goes all the way back to the beginning, because that's when the Son of God, Jesus Christ, was eternally begotten

-Jesus Christ, the Word of God, spoke all things into being, and John wants to make sure his audience knows that fundamental truth. Jesus was not created, He was before all, with His Father and with the Holy Spirit

-After we get this recap that is reminiscent of Genesis, then John the Evangelist speaks about John the Baptist and his ministry to announce the coming of the Lord, the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ

Discussion Questions:

1. What is your full name? What is your nickname? Who gave you both and what do those names mean (to you or to others)?

2. If everything you ever spoke became a living thing, what would it look like?
 - a. A musician, always singing
 - b. A clown, always joking and laughing
 - c. A ninja, made of secrets and deception
 - d. A bear, irritable and loud
 - e. A knight, defending others, fighting with truth
 - f. A squawking seagull, complaining or making requests
 - g. _____

3. The Evangelist John says, "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us". How have you made room or "dwelling space" for Jesus in your life? Where would you say Jesus is in the home of your heart?
 - a. At the front door knocking
 - b. In the spare guest room
 - c. The upstairs neighbor or in the in-law suite
 - d. In the living room or by the fireplace
 - e. In the kitchen—maybe He's even cooking or cleaning!

4. How much control would you say you have over your words?

5. If the Son of God is the Word of God who spoke everything into being, then our own words have a lot of power, and we have responsibility over them.
 - a. What ways have you noticed yourself or others using your words positively?

 - b. When have we or others used words improperly?

6. Think of how John describes Jesus, the Son & Word of God, as "the life was the light of men". What are some things that light does for us? And in what ways is Jesus your light?

7. We hear how John the Baptist was called to give witness to Jesus so others might know Him. A witness is someone who has seen or has knowledge of something that needs to be shared—like a witness in a court case that needs to report what they have seen or what they know about someone on trial.
 - a. What ways have you seen/experienced God that would make you a witness?

 - b. What ways have you been able to "give witness" to others about God?

 - c. What challenges do you face in "giving witness" to God?

 - d. What might be some ideal ways we can "give witness" or share our faith and love for God with others?