



# For unto us a child is born

"And the Word became flesh  
and dwelt among us..."

John 1:14

Search frantically if you like,  
but that's all you will find in the gospel of John  
about the events of Christmas -

NO STAR...

NO STABLE...

NO ANGELS and SHEPHERDS...

NO BABY in a manger...

NO ROMANTIC PICTURE of a sleepy little town...

all John says, is,

"the Word became FLESH and DWELT among us."

At first glance this may be disappointing  
for at Christmas we make such REGAL ORNAMENTS  
of the HUMBLE SURROUNDINGS of our Lord's nativity -  
of the barn yard...

the animals...

and the common feeding trough...

but through his simple words

John conveys all the POWER...and GLORY...and JOY...

of the GOOD NEWS of our Lord's birth.

The Son of God became FLESH...

he became VISIBLE...

that we might SEE, and BEHOLD, and BELIEVE

the depth of God's LOVE for us.

This Christmas as we get caught up  
in the festivities of this holiday season,  
let us remember the words of John...  
and what it is that we celebrate...

the COMING of our Lord

to LIVE with us...

IMMANUEL... God with us...

that we might KNOW his great LOVE.

Pastor