♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, April 15, 2018

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"Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus, who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross. For this reason God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow—in heaven and on earth and under the earth—and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:5-11, CSB).

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, "God with us)" (Matthew 1:23, ESV).

"I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20, ESV).

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14, ESV).

"Fear not, for I am with you" (Isaiah 41:10, ESV).

"Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for you are with me" (Psalm 23:4, CSB).

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "God's dwelling is with humanity, and he will live with them. They will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and will be their God" (Revelation 21:3, CSB).

"No one has ever seen God. The one and only Son, who is himself God and is at the Father's side—he has revealed him" (John 1:18, CSB).

1. Jesus is Eternal (v. 1).

- "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I am!" (John 8:58, NLT).
- "And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed" (John 17:5, ESV).
- "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13, ESV).
- "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16, NIV).

2. Jesus is <u>the Word</u> (v. 1).

3. Jesus is the Life (v. 4).

- "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live" (John 11:25, ESV).
- "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:1-6, ESV).
- "These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31, ESV).
- "I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of" (John 10:10, Message).

4. Jesus is <u>the Light</u> (v. 4-5).

5. Jesus has a story worth sharing (v. 6-9).

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29, NLT).