

The Word Became Flesh (Advent Series)

II. God Acts

or

For God So Loved the World that He Did Not Send an Email

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1. Pastor Steve opened with an object lesson about email. While the point was that email has some serious weaknesses, what are some strengths of using emails that make it so seductive to use (and abuse)?
2. Now what are some of the downsides to email?
3. How does all this relate to Advent?
4. Why is God showing up in the flesh such a big deal?
5. Read John 1:1-5, and 10-15. Focusing on v. 10-11, how did those to whom Jesus appeared react to this special visit?
6. Read Isaiah 40:9-11 to see if you can determine why His own people would doubt that Jesus was the Son of God sent to be their Messiah.
7. Pastor Steve observed that God never talks, He speaks. What is the difference?
8. Satan understands the power of God's Word when He speaks, so he tries to undermine that authority. Can you think of a place in the Bible that describes such an attack?

9. While many of the Jews rejected Jesus as the Son of God, many others with whom He came in contact believed what He said and they became children of God in the new paradigm that He established. Read John 1:12-14 and reflect on what it means to be spiritual in light of Advent.

10. Toward the end of the sermon, Pastor Steve said that Christianity is neither a sermon nor even a belief. Christianity is a man, in the flesh, who came to earth. How does that change things?