**Scripture Reading:** John 1:1-18

**Singing:** 426:1, 3, 7, 10 – 241:1-5 – 177:1-3 – 132:1-5

Glory of Jesus Christ

I. Who is He? II. What did He do?

I. The Glory of Jesus Christ *… Who is He?*

A. John answers this question with great detail in the opening verses

1. Compare John’s ‘genealogy’ of Christ with Matthew’s and Luke’s

B. Jesus’ glory is that He is God (vs. 1-2)

1. He was “In the beginning”

2. He was the Word

a. Why such a name?

b. What does God speak out in the Word? (Heb. 1:1-2; John 1:18)

3. He was with God (vs. 1-2)

a. ‘with’ speaks of *dwelling together*

b. Proverbs 8:22-31 gives glimpse into this *happy Divine fellowship*

*Then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him: and I was*

*daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him. (Prov. 8:30)*

4. He is God (lit: *God was the Word)*

5. He is our Creator (3, 10)

C. He (also) is a human (vs. 14)

**II. The Glory of CHrist is seen in what He did and does?**

A. Besides creating , He also maintained all things (vs. 4-5)

1. How to define ‘life’ (compare Acts 17:24-28)

2. This life wasthe *light* of all men (vs. 9)

3. yet He is still *shining this light in our darkness* (vs. 5, 9)

a. Do we realize how much Jesus is involved in the life of all men?

b. Yet Jesus is *more involved* with us than others (vs. 10-11)

B. But what Jesus did in *the coming to this earth* excels all His works!

1. Ponder the depth of *The Word was made (became) flesh*

a. Who became flesh: *The Eternal One!*

b. What did the Eternal One become: *flesh!* (Rom. 8:3)

2. Ponder the depth of *He dwelt among us* (Genesis 6:5)

**Closing Call**

A. Stand still here at *… the Word was made flesh & dwelt among us!*

1. Is this not a fact truth worthy to *sink us on our knees?*

a. He became one of us in facing *every sin we face except He faced*

*it as the most abominable smell imaginable*

b. He became one of us in *experiencing guilt though it wasn’t His*

2. Look often on Him & listen closely to Him for *in that suffering man of*

*sorrows shines the glory of only begotten of Father (vs. 14)*

Give heed, my heart, lift up your eyes:

Who is it Who in that manger lies?

Who is this Child, so young and fair?

The blessed Christ Child lies there.

Ah, Lord, Who has created all,

How has Thou made Thee weak and small,

That thou did choose Thy infant bed,

Where ass and ox would normally be fed.

Were earth a thousand times as fair,

Beset with gold and jewels rare,

She yet were far too poor to be

A narrow cradle, Lord for Thee.

Teach my heart for joy to leap,

My lips no more to silence keep;

Make me sing with joyful tongue,

That sweetest ancient manger-song:

Glory to God in highest heaven,

Who unto man His Son has given.

To suffer as a sinner though without blame,

In order to satisfy every legal claim.