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The Gospel of **John**

Access Matters













**Jesus makes the
inaccessible God accessible.**



¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”)

John 1:14-15 ESV



¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

John 1:16-17 ESV



The Incarnate Word

I. The Word Became

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1 ESV



¹⁴ And the Word **became** flesh...

John 1:14 ESV



I. The Word Became

a. Flesh (*sarx*)

¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my **flesh**. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

Romans 7:18 ESV



³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the **flesh**, could not do. By sending his own Son in the **likeness of sinful flesh** and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh...

Romans 8:3 ESV



¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, **fully human in every way**, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 2:17-18 ESV



I. The Word Became

a. Flesh (*sarx*)

b. Permanently Human

⁶ [Jesus] who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,⁷ but **emptied himself**, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:6–8 ESV



Hypostatic Union

Fully God

The Second Person of the Trinity

Jn. 1:1-3

BECAME

Incarnation

Jn. 1:14

Fully God

Jesus Christ

Fully Human

Phil. 2:6-8

Eternity Future



Eternity Past



"I do not think of Christ as God alone, or man alone, but both together. For I know He was hungry, and I know that with five loaves He fed five thousand."

St. John Chrysostom



The Incarnate Word

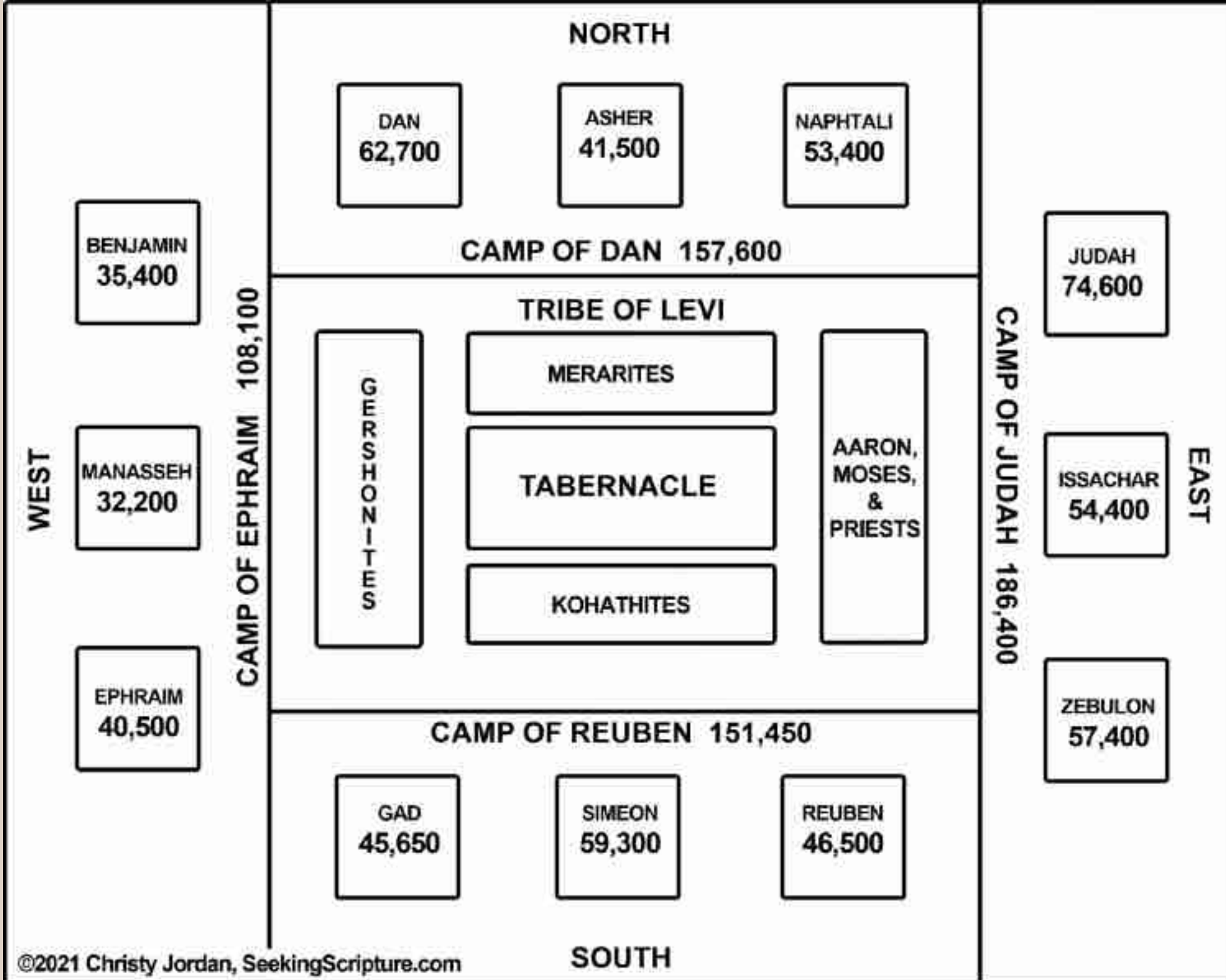
I. The Word Became

II. The Word Dwells

³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the **tabernacle**. ³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the **tabernacle**. ³⁶ Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the **tabernacle**, the people of Israel would set out. ³⁷ But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸ For the cloud of the Lord was on the **tabernacle** by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

Exodus 40:34-38 ESV





³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the **dwelling** place of God is with man. He will **dwell** with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Revelation 21:3 ESV



²³ “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



¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his **own blood**, thus securing an **eternal redemption**.

Hebrews 9:11-12 ESV



The Incarnate Word

I. The Word Became

II. The Word Dwells

III. The Word Shows



¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has **made him known.**

John 1:18 ESV



“Made Known”

Exegesis – clarifying the inherent meaning

Eisegesis – imposing meaning

Exposition – Explaining the meaning

³ He is the **radiance** of the glory of God and the **exact imprint** of his nature.

Hebrews 1:3 ESV



¹⁵ He is the **image** of the invisible God...

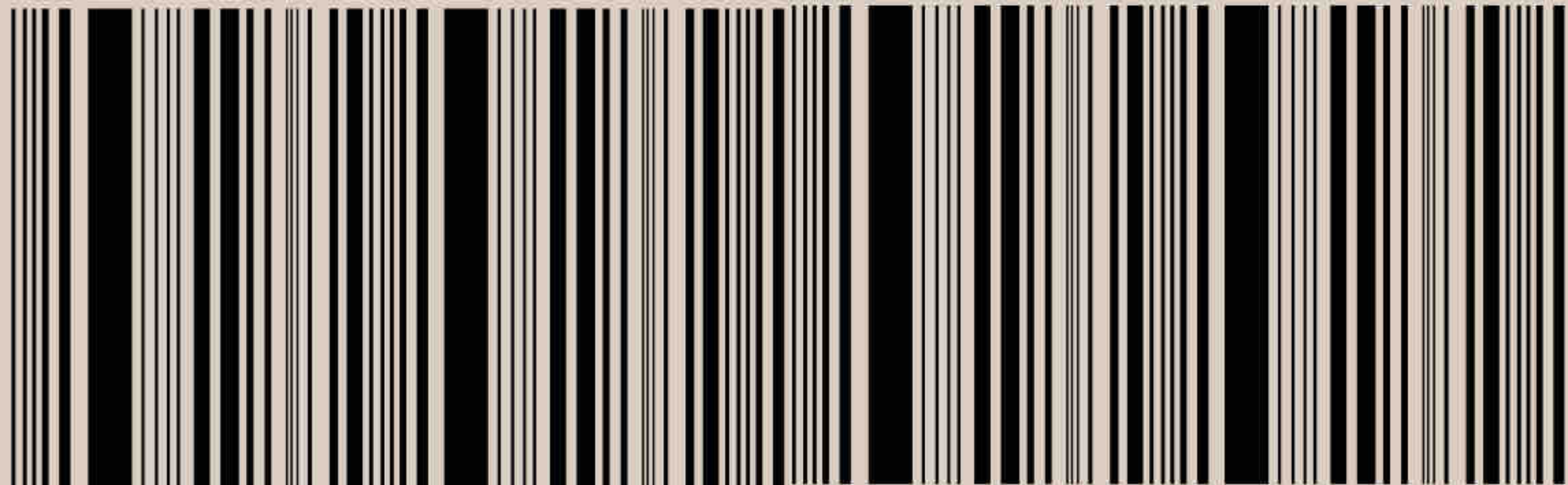
Colossians 1:15 ESV



⁹ For in him the whole **fullness** of deity **dwells bodily...**

Colossians 2:9 ESV





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III. The Word Shows

a. God's Character

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John 1:14 ESV



III. The Word Shows

a. God's Character

1. Grace

III. The Word Shows

a. God's Character

1. *Grace*

2. *Truth*

⁶ “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in **steadfast love and faithfulness**, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty,

Exodus 34:6–7 ESV



III. The Word Shows

a. God's Character

b. God's Glory

¹⁸ Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” ¹⁹ And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The Lord.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.”

Exodus 33:18–20 ESV



²¹ And the Lord said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

Exodus 33:21-23 ESV



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¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained **access** by faith into this grace in which we stand...

Romans 5:1-2 ESV

